

# Six days of Reggio October 4-9, 2000



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# Sister City Commission Awaiting Arrival Of Italian Delegation

by Kathy Shepard Feature Editor

Three-and-a-half years of planning and research done by Agawam's 30-member Italian Sister City Commission will culminate during the "Six Days of Reggio," to run from October 4th through October 9th.

William Euliano, chairman of the Italian Sister City Commission, stressed that the priority for the undertaking is its educational aspect. "Educational interaction has been and will continue to be the benchmark by which we measure the success of this program."

The Reggio delegates will arrive in Boston at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 4th, and will transfer to motor coach, to be transported to the Holiday Inn in Springfield. At 7:00 p.m. that same day, they will be brought by motor coach to the Agawam Italian Sporting Club for a "Welcome BBQ," sponsored by the club and Riverside Liquors.

The mission statement of the Italian Sister City Commission called for a search for a community in the Republic of Italy which possessed the greatest potential for an interactive relationship with our town, encompassing cultural, social, educational, and economic opportunities. The city of Reggio Calabria was

the ultimate choice.

With the comprehensive but lengthy process of selecting Agawam's Sister City behind it, the Commission has focused on creating an itinerary for the visitors from Reggio Calabria. "The amount of work is astronomical," said Town Councilor Anthony Bonavita of the Sister City Commission. "Someone has to check on every detail. We had two- and three-member subcommittees for every phase of the six days of the visit, such as dinners, advertising, breakfasts, and other ceremonies

"We want to thank everyone who has worked to make this happen. Businesses, individuals, and people from all ethnic backgrounds have all pitched in. We are grateful to the Mayor and the administrators who gave us a lot of organizational support, even though this is not a city-founded project."

On their second day (Thursday, October 5th), the delegates from Reggio will be busy from 7:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., beginning with a "Welcome Breakfast" at Chez Josef, sponsored by the

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# Agawam Call Fire Dept. Participates In "Emergency Services Day" Parade



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM CALL FIRE DEPT. participated in the "Emergency Services Day" parade at the Franklin County Fair in Greenfield on Sunday, Sept. 10th. The event was sponsored by the Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Firefighters Assoc. The second year the department has been represented in this event, the Agawam Call Fire Dept. was awarded a trophy for traveling the longest distance. Pictured above are (from left) Lt. Arnie Cone, Dave Curley, and Mike Nocora. Not in the photo, but attending the parade, was Sr. Lt. Chet Nicora.

# Negrucci Finally Gets Nod As Council Deadlock Broken

by Hope E. Murray Municipal Writer

The Town Council is full once more, ending the 31-vote deadlock when Councilor Richard Morassi changed his vote in favor of John Negrucci.

The 32nd vote took place Sept. 20th after four Agawam residents - Gary Geiger, Louise David, Lowell McLane and Ruth Carr Bitzas - came forward to throw their hats in the Council ring to take the seat vacated by the sudden death of former Councilor Kent Servis in July. The applicants addressed the council during Citizen's Speak Time under the impression that the nominations would be re-opened, as Council President Robert Magovern had stated at the previous meeting.

However, Magovern called for one last vote and the deadlock was ended.

"I want to change my vote to Negrucci," said Morassi, who, along with Magovern, Council Vice-President Robert Young and Councilors Robert Rossi and Gina Letellier, voted 31 times for Negrucci's opponent, former Councilor Donald Rheault.

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# Spfld. Attorney Appointed Special Ed. Lawyer For Schools

by Hope E. Murray Municipal Writer

Attorney Peter L. Smith was voted to represent the Agawam Public Schools in Special Education Legal Services by the School Committee at its September 26th meeting.

Smith, who has offices at 1214 Main St. in Springfield, received six votes, with one abstention from committee member Susan Dawson. She abstained because she is a former employee of Smith. After the vote, Dawson said she was "thrilled" Smith was chosen.

"We could not be in better hands," Mrs. Dawson said.

The contract states that Smith will charge an hourly rate of \$125 for "Time Reasonably Spent Out of Court", which includes travel and phone calls. For "Time Reasonably Spent in Mediation, Hearing and Conferences before the Bureau of Special Appeals or in litigation", Smith will bill for \$150 per hour. Smith charges \$175 per hour for "Time Reasonably Spent in

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Agawam Lions Club. They will be whisked from there to an official welcome and flag ceremony by the Mayor and his staff, followed by a walk through and welcome by Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruoso and the staff at the Agawam Middle School.

The Reggio guests will next be given a driving tour of Agawam's Schools and Regional Industrial Park by motor coach. A luncheon in their honor will be given at the Agawam Senior Center. The remainder of the day will include several more stops and will end with a "Thanksgiving Dinner," sponsored by Berkshire Power, at Storrowton Tavern in West Springfield.

For the next four days, the visit for the Reggio Calabria visitors promises to be unforgettable. Cutural events, historic landmarks, beautiful landscapes, delicious foods, and thoughtful gestures promise to create lasting friendships and to bring our own community together, Euliano said. The itinerary is included for the benefit of Agawam citizens.

Bonavita told us, "We wanted to find a way to bring out the good points of the community, and we felt this would be a positive way for people to work together in a non-political way. I'm very proud to see the support of the community in many different ways. Some support has been financial, some has been in people performing various tasks, but there has been a tremendous amount of support from the community and we are truly grateful."

Euliano believes that the closing ceremonies, to be held at Harmon Smith Field at Agawam High School, "will reach out to the entire spectrum of personalities in our community." Beginning at 6:30 p.m., "Con Te Partiro - A Tribute to Reggio" will open with the "Parade of Children" with their grandmothers.

The children will make "The Presentation of Roses" to the Italian delegation, the Sister City Commissioners, and other invited dignitaries. The Agawam Junior High Chorus will sing "We Are The World"; Darcy Davis, the former music director of the Agawam Schools, will make a presentation with the Memory Lane Chorus from the Agawam Senior Center; and the High School Band with give a demonstration at half-time.

Mayor Cohen will present to the Mayor of Reggio the keys to the city. He will proclaim October 8th to be Amici Italiani Day in Agawam, and from this day forward, the first Sunday in October will be known as Amici Italiani Day every year. The success of The Children's Program, a volunteer pen pal program (also to be called Amici Italiani), will also be announced.

There have been 4,000 questionnaires disbursed in the school system, asking for each child's name, address, fax or e-mail, age, gender, and a short message. These will be collected in each principal's office by Joanne Willis, a Sister City Commissioner and project coordinator of Amici Italiani. Ameruoso will present to the Mayor of Reggio a sack of mail from Agawam's children to take back to Italy and distribute in the school system in Reggio.

The Amici Italiani program is the "premier part of this project," Euliano feels. "The entire venture will be romantic and emotional."

The closing ceremonies will end with a recording of Andrea Boccelli's "It's Time To Say Goodbye." A farewell reception at Alexander's will follow. The next morning, after a farewell breakfast at Chez Josef, sponsored by the Sister City Commission, the travelers will journey by motor coach to Boston for a city tour, lunch at Quincy Market, and their air transportation back to Reggio Calabria.

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Probate and Family, Superior or Federal Court", and \$200 per hour for "Time Reasonably Spent on the Appellate Level."

Agawam Schools Superintendent Frank Ameruoso endorsed Smith, saying he is an advocate for children

Smith wrote his agreement with the town, something he said is a standard procedure, with no limitation of services. This raised some questions by the committee.

"It's a bi-lateral agreement," Armeruoso said. "It could be ended at any time by either party, usually with 30 days notice. But it could be with just a day's notice."

Member Teresa Kozloski expressed concern about the ramifications of the agreement being broken on such short notice.

"I'd like to have a limit, like a three-year contract, so we can evaluate whether this person is doing what he should be doing."

Mrs. Kozloski made a motion to ammend the agreement with a time constraint, which was seconded by committee member Roberta Doering. The ammendment, however, did not pass.

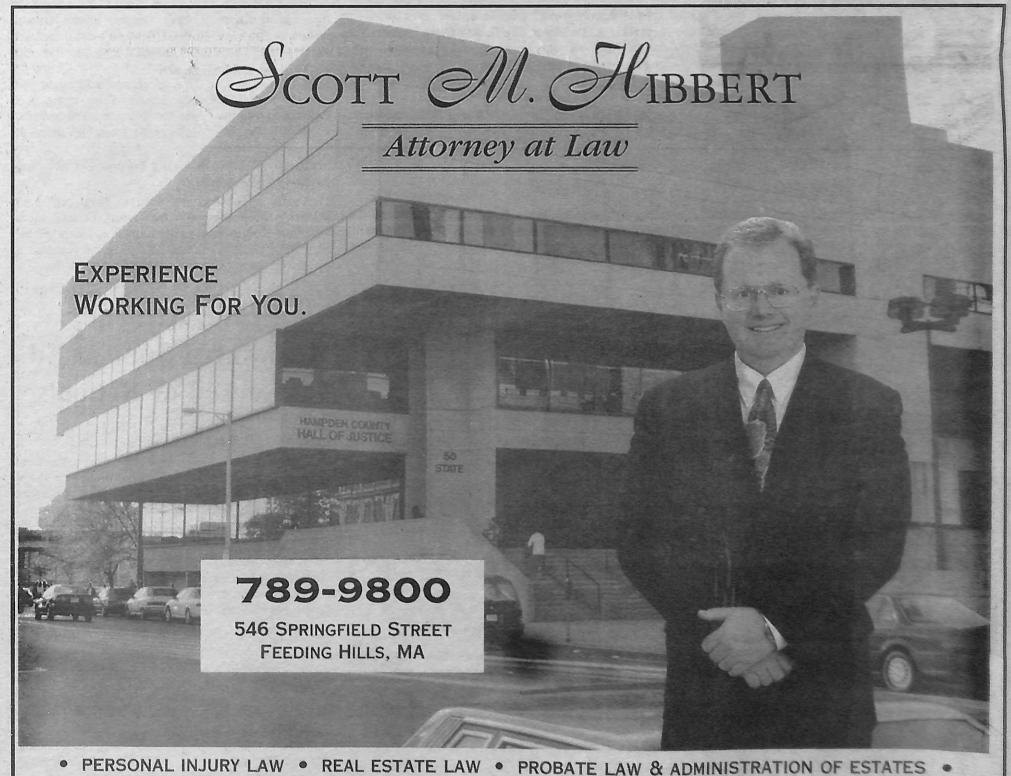
"I'd like to see it open-ended," said Rosemary Sandlin, vice-chairwoman of the School Committee.

"I agree," said member Susan Pettazzoni. "I like the freedom to be able to move out of the contract if necessary."

Smith told the committee he was "honored" by the appointment. "I am honored to be of service to Agawam School Committe and to the children in this community," Smith said. "

Smith continued, saying he has been an advocate for area children for more than 10 years and has had positive experiences in Agawam.

"The people in the school district are dedicated to the utmost to the children," Smith said.





TOWN of AGAWAM
SISTER CITY COMMISSION

The Sister City Commission has put together the following itinerary to provide the visiting delegation from our Sister City Reggio Calabria with a well-rounded perspective of our town, region and country. Several events are open to the public and we invite you to join us.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

2:00 PM Pickup in Boston and transfer by motor coach to Springfield hotel
7:00 PM Welcome Barbeque at Italian Sporting Club sponsored by

Italian Sporting Club and Riverside Liquors

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00 AM Welcome breakfast at Chez Josef sponsored by the Agawam Lions Club public invited: \$16 PER PERSON. CALL JOANNE WILLIS AT 789-1626 FOR RESERVATIONS.

9:45 AM Official Welcome and Flag Ceremony at Agawam Town Hall - Mayor Cohen

10:15 AM Walk through and Welcome at Agawam Middle School - Dr. Ameruoso

II:00 AM Driving tour of Agawam schools and Agawam Regional Industrial Park

12:30 PM Luncheon at Agawam Senior Center sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Bonavita
1:30 PM Walk through and apparatus demonstration at Agawam Fire Department

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Headquarters – Chief David Pisano

2:30 PM Mystery Stop sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. F. William Euliano Jr.

3:00 PM Return to hotel; afternoon at leisure

7:30 PM "Thanksgiving Dinner" at Storrowton Tavern

PUBLIC INVITED: \$25 PER PERSON. CALL TERESA KOZLOSKI AT 786-6934

OR LINDA GALARNEAU AT 789-0245 FOR RESERVATIONS.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:30 AM Breakfast at The Oaks Banquet House sponsored by Agawam Advertiser/News public invited: \$16 per person. Call frank mazzei at 786-6713 for reservations.

8:30 AM Transfer to Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge, Massachusetts

10:00 AM Tour museum and box lunch on grounds

1:00 PM Shopping at Lee outlet stores

3:00 PM Transfer to hotel; afternoon at leisure

6:30 PM Soccer Game at Agawam High School - Agawam vs. Chicopee Comp.

9:00 PM Buffet at Italian Sporting Club sponsored by Partner's Restaurant, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tansey

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:30 AM Breakfast at Oaks Banquet House sponsored by Democratic and Republican Town Committees

PUBLIC INVITED: \$16 PER PERSON. CALL TERRY LETELLIER AT 786-4723 FOR RESERVATIONS.

8:30 AM Transfer by coach to Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Massachusetts

10:00 AM Walking tour, Old Sturbridge Village

12:00 PM Lunch on grounds, Old Sturbridge Village

3:00 PM Return to hotel, evening at leisure

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 AM 75th Anniversary Mass at St. Anthony's Church, Agawam

9:00 AM Coffee and Danish, St. Anthony's Church Hall

10:00 AM Transfer to Springfield Technical Community College

I:00 PM Reggio/Agawam delegations march in Springfield Columbus Day Parade

6:30 PM Closing ceremonies "A Tribute to Reggio", Harmon Smith Field, Agawam High

8:30 PM Farewell Dinner, Alexanders, Feeding Hills

PUBLIC INVITED: \$25 PER PERSON. CALL ROSE PEPPER AT 786-4264 OR CARMELA MARZANO AT 786-3196 FOR RESERVATIONS.

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00 AM Farewell breakfast at Chez Josef sponsored by Agawam Unico and Town of Agawam Sister City Commission

PUBLIC INVITED: \$16 PER PERSON. CALL JOHN O'BRIEN AT 786-7438 FOR RESERVATIONS

9:30 AM Transfer to Boston for city driving tour

1:00 PM Lunch on your own at Quincy Market

3:00 PM Drop off at Logan International Airport, Boston, Massachusetts



#### **Resident Claims Lack** Of Concern By Officials

To The Editor:

A recurrent theme in the "Letters to the Editor" section from the past few issues of The AAN seems to be the lack of concern by town officials for issues regarded as important to some residents. You can add me to

On July 10th, I wrote a letter to Mayor Richard Cohen requesting bus service for my 10-year-old daughter and at least four other very young women in the Country and Barn Road area to the Middle School. My house lies exactly 1.7 miles to the Middle School. I gave the Mayor two weeks to respond before phoning his office. I was told he would call me back, but he did not. The next day, I phoned and was also told he would call me back. When the phone finally rang later that day, it wasn't the Mayor, but someone else in his office telling me that my matter had been turned over to the Superintendent's office, since he handles issues regarding bus service. I asked when my letter had been turned over, seeing that it was now nearing the end of July, and was told that it had been faxed over the day before. Obviously it took a few phone calls to light a fire under someone's derriere to get something done.

I phoned the Superintendent's office and he was on vacation. I was told, however, that the Deputy Superintendent handled bus issues. When I asked to speak with him, he was not available. I phoned the Deputy Superintendent's office for at least three days in a row, twice and sometimes three times a day, and was never allowed to speak with him. At one point, his secretary told me that although she didn't know what my letter was about, she could see that he was writing a letter back to me. I told her that I didn't want him to write, but instead wished to speak with him. I never had the chance.

On August 4th, I finally received a letter from Mr. Charest, more than three weeks after my initial letter to the Mayor, who is, by the way, the Chairman of the School Committee. In his letter, Mr. Charest writes, "Bus service, in Agawam, is provided for students who live on streets that are more than one-and-onehalf miles from the school." He states that my street is in walking range of the Middle School and that a crossing guard is provided at the light near Pajer's for all of the students who walk to the Middle School from my neighborhood.

I would like to take this opportunity now to officially invite the Mayor, the six members of the School Committee, all of whom received my letter and neither contacted me by phone or in writing, the Superintendent and the Deputy Superintendent to walk with me and my daughter, carrying backpacks weighing at least 12 pounds to the Middle School any day that they can possibly fit into their already busy schedules. Since my daughter needs to arrive at the Middle School at approximately 8:15 a.m., I figure we should start walking around 7:40 a.m. and make it on time. (I will contact The AAN as soon as I hear from the Mayor's office.)

The hill going down Suffield Street is quite steep and I'm sure it gets very slick and slippery in the winter. There are also some woods on the hill with lowlying branches and prickles.

Did I also mention that we pass at least three registered sex offenders living within that vicinity who have been charged with such crimes as Rape of a Child, Indecent Assault and Battery of a Child, Unnatural Acts, and Lewd and Lascivious Behavior according to my list of offenders dated March 4, 1998. I tried in July to obtain a new list from the police department only to be told that an injunction had been issued and that all the sex offender information was on hold pending a court decision. For more information on that, please contact me via e-mail at DMBON-GI@AOL.COM.

A couple of years ago, a bright young woman from

Springfield invited Mayor Mike Albano to walk with her to school and he did. When the day was through, the mayor realized that the walk was way too far and awarded the young woman bus service.

The only reason I have been given for not providing bus service is that the cost is too expensive. I was led to believe in the Back to School issue of The AAN that the Mayor and Superintendent held our children's education and safety in their highest regard. I ask them to put their money where their mouths are and "stop the buck."

> Sincerely, **Donna Moore** Agawam

#### Resident Not Happy With Council Members

To The Editor:

While watching the last council meeting, I was very disappointed in the way the people who submitted their name for Kent Service's seat were treated. It was bad enough that they were totally disrespected and disregarded by most of the council members, but then it got worse.

Two members also tried to fool all of us with their reason for doing what they then did. After reneging on their previous meeting's decision to allow others to submit their names and join in the vote for Service's replacement, Councilors Bonavita and Mineo tried to fool all of us by insisting that one more vote be taken to make sure there wouldn't be a tie vote again.

This might have been a sensible thing to do if not for the fact that everyone on the council already knew before the meeting that Councilor Morassi was going to break the tie.

I know this because President Magovern told me long before the meeting that the tie was broken. He wouldn't tell me who was going to break the tie, just that it was broken. In fact, many of my friends also knew the tie was broken and who broke it before the

So then, for Bonavita and Mineo to do what they did was a slap in the face to all the candidates and all the Agawam voters. If they somehow didn't know before the meeting, they certainly knew before voting because Morassi gave a five-minute speech as to why he was going to break the tie. If the council had listened to Gina Letellier when she spoke on behalf of **LEGAL NOTICE** 

the candidates by insisting the council keep its word, then Bonavita and Mineo would not have been able to cheat the candidates and voters.

It is disappointing that Bonavita and Mineo have turned out to be no different than the former council members they criticized. Maybe we should bring back some of the former councilors. At least they could be

Remember, Bonavita and Mineo were strong supporters of Negrucci. Is it any wonder that they did what they did, knowing that Morassi was going to change his vote?

> Sinerely yours, **Ernestine Book** Agawam

#### How Do Our Officials **Respond To Problems?**

To The Editor:

I read in the Union-News recently about a tardy bus, making 13 kindergarten-age children almost continuously late to class, sometimes by as much as 30 minutes. I find it incomprehensible that this can happen. I know that no school bus ever waited for any of my children; if they weren't at the bus stop on time, they walked to school or I drove them. I'm relatively certain that no other children in Agawam ever received this benefit.

I don't know the family involved, but I certainly feel the proper response is to warn them, and then for the bus to continue on its way. This would require the family to deliver the child to school. In this way, class could start on time, as only one child would be late, rather than 13.

I am surprised that Mr. Charest not only did not return phone calls regarding this issue, but is quoted as having told Mr. Mineo that while the situation "would get better," it would not be fully resolved. Why

I note that in the September 21, 2000 Agawam Advertiser News, the bus finally arrived on time. I certainly hope this continues, and, if it doesn't, I hope the same parents make an issue of it in the media. I think all the residents of Agawam should be made aware of how their officials, elected or otherwise, respond to problems.

> Mary Broadhurst Agawam **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### TOR-2000-10 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN FEES IN THE **PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Agawam Park & Recreation Department operates the Perry Lane Nursery School as well as many youth programs;

WHEREAS, the fees for the Perry Lane Nursery School have not been adjusted since 1996 and prior to that in 1991; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam Town Council does hereby amend the Code of the Town of Agawam as follows:

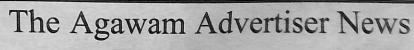
Amend Section 103-12 of Chapter 103 entitled 'FEES' as follows:

Delete: Perry Lane Nursery

Two-day program, per month - \$60.00 Three-day program, per month - \$75.00 Add - Effective with the 2001/2002 School Year: Perry Lane Nursery Two-day program, per month - \$80.00 Three-day program, per month - \$95.00

DATED THIS Twenty-Second DAY OF September, PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

Robert A. Magovern, President APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY Thomas S. Locke, Solicitor Published: September 28, 2000.





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"I asked myself why should I change," Morassi said. "I believe I've known these two men longer than any other councilor and I'd rather break the deadlock than have it continue. There will be more than a few who don't agree with my decision and I commend the other candidates for their interest."

Ms. Letellier expressed concern that by not opening the nominations, the council was not being fair.

"And above all else, this process should be about fairness," she said.

Councilor Anthony C. Bonavita said that since a council vote to re-open was never taken, they were not required to do so just because Magovern made that statement.

Magovern invited the council to make a motion to open the nominations, but no such motion was made.

The vote was 6-3 in Negrucci's favor, with Ms. Letellier answering "present" during the vote roll call.

Mrs. David said she believes the council did a disservice by not opening the nominations.

"I'm not disappointed in the fact that I wasn't selected," she said, "but I am disappointed in how it was handled. There's no question about that.

"According to everything that was said, the Council President knew that the vote had been changed prior to the meeting and he did not call us. He let us go and apply and to speak and give reasons why we'd like to be part of the Council and never even opened up the nominations," Mrs. David, a former school committee member, stated.

David added that she was "not surprised" by the turn of events.

"And Ruth Bitzas worked for the city for many years and for them not to even call her and tell her, that was a horrendous slap in the face."

Mrs. David noted that Ms. Letellier made a protest of the proceedings.

"Councilor Letellier was the only one that spoke to



JOHN NEGRUCCI WAS SELECTED last Wednesday evening, September 20th, to fill the vacancy on the 11-member Town Council following the sudden death of Councilor Kent Servis this past summer. At Negrucci's swearing-in ceremony at Town Hall were (from left) Town Clerk Richard Theroux, Negrucci, Mayor Richard A. Cohen, and Town Councilor Joseph Mineo. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

the impropriety of what they were doing. But she did not opt to re-open the nominations, but at least she recognized that it was not right," David said.

McLane agreed that the process may not have been handled properly, but he was personally informed about what would take place at the meeting.

"I did have a conversation with Bob [Magovern] and he told me he would like to have one more vote," he said. "I think they were all ready to settle it, but I feel like the council could have allowed due process to go through. They could have better served themselves."

McLane said he has been interested in Agawam politics for several years but because his previous job

required him to travel, he was unable to offer his services.

"Now that I'm local, I'm more available."

McLane said he will seek a council seat during elections in 2001.

"I look forward to the future. I've been encouraged by a lot of people and I'm encouraged by the response I received from the ouncil."

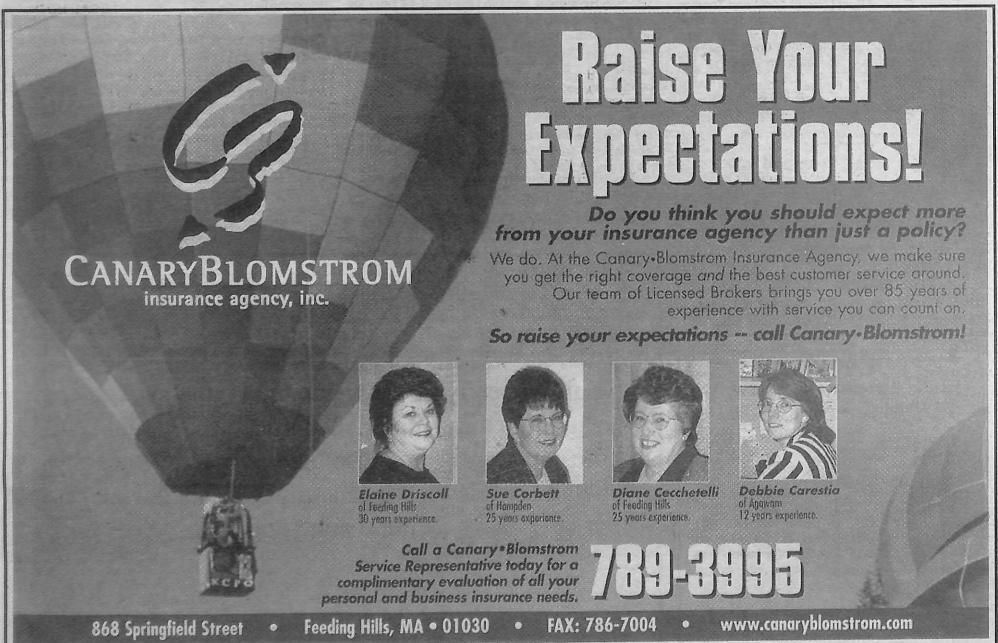
After Negrucci was voted in, he took his seat with the council and sat in on the remainder of the meeting, Negrucci was sworn-in at Town Hall the next day. He finished 12th in the balloting in November 1999 behind Servis.

## A.R.E. To Hold Meeting On Wednesday, October 4th

The Agawam Retired Employees (A.R.E.) have scheduled the fall meeting for Wednesday, October 4th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. Guest speaker will be John Walsh, vice-president of the Massachusetts Retired State, County, and Municipal Employees

Association. He will give us an overview of the association's past efforts on behalf of the retirees. One of the current projects that should interest us all is the movement to raise the base amount of our pensions (on which the annual COLA is based). Walsh will be glad to answer your questions.

We have also invited the Town Councilors to attend the meeting, as well as Mayor Richard Cohen and State Rep. Dan Keenan. We expect State Senator Linda Melconian (or her representative) to speak on issues of concern to retirees. We urge all retired employees to attend this meting.



# - Agawam Obituaries -

#### LINDA L. CHAGNON

Linda L. (Vancini) Chagnon, 58, of 52 DePalma Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a financial assistance supervisor for the state Department of Transitional Assistance for 22 years and retired in 1999.

Born in Bourne, she lived in Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1961. She was a graduate of the High School of Commerce and received an associate's degree in human services from Springfield Technical Community College. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

She leaves her son, Michael E. of St. Petersburg Beach, Florida; three daughters, Michelle E. Ruby of Agawam, Lynn M. Chagnon of Brandon, Florida, and Jennifer E. Chagnon of Springfield; her mother, Jeanette (Tessier) Green of East Springfield; a brother, Frank Vancini of Westfield; five sisters, Norma Marshall of Cape Coral, Florida, Annette Dillon of East Springfield, Shirley Lavin of Ludlow, Susan Green of Springfield, and Sherrie Tallman of Wilbraham; a friend, Arthur W. Felton of Feeding Hills; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

#### FRANCIS E. DEAN

Francis E. Dean, 74, of 350 Meadow Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

He was a 43-year hoisting engineer with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 98 in East Longmeadow and retired in 1989.

He worked for ExCel Construction Co. from 1979 to 1989 and was the owner of F. Dean & Sons Inc. from 1969 to 1979. He worked for Roy M. Wright Inc. Construction in Springfield from 1949 to 1969. He worked in Saudi Arabia in the 1970's as a construction engineer.

Born and educated in Agawam, he moved to Springfield in 1950 and later back to Agawam. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a communicant of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Springfield. He was a life member of the Springfield Lodge of Elks 61 and the Verdi Club of West Springfield.

He leaves his wife, Ruth J. Thyberg-Dean; two sons, Francis E. Jr. of East Longmeadow and Thomas J. of Wilbraham; two daughters, Michele M. Thomas of Palmer and Theresa E. Cooper of Cookstown, New Jersey; his former wife, Rita Dean of Wilbraham; two stepdaughters, Ellen Drouin of Holden and Lori Levitt of Houston, Texas; a brother, George of West Hartford, Connecticut; three sisters, Susan Dudley, Rita Sheperd, and Rosemary Condino, all of Belleview, Florida; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 31 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089, or to the Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01102.

#### PASQUALENA E. DEMICHELE

Pasqualena E. (DePinto) Demichele, 86, formerly of 55 Highland Street, Feeding Hills, died recently in a

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local nursing home.

She worked for the former F.W. Sickles of Chicopee for five years and Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Agawam for three years.

Born in Feeding Hills, she was a lifelong resident, a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, a member of the St. Anthony Society Auxiliary, the Agawam Golden Agers Chapter 1, and the Agawam Senior Center.

Her husband, Frank Demichele, died in October

She is survived by a son, Santo M. Demichele of Feeding Hills; a daughter-in-law, Martha J. Demichele of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Anna R. Smith of Feeding Hills; a son-in-law, Neil D. Smith of Feeding Hills; two sisters, Antoinette Demichele of Feeding Hills and Angelina Rossi of Agawam.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, followed by a funeral Mass in Sacred Heart Church and burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sacred Heart Church Building Fund, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

#### IRMA B. FERRY

Irma B. (Butcher) Ferry, 90, of Agawam, died on Thursday, September 21st.

She was executive secretary at Perkins Machine and Gear in West Springfield.

Born in Pittsfield, she lived in Springfield and West Springfield, graduating from West Springfield High School. She moved to Agawam in 1943.

He husband, Sidney Ferry, died in 1994.

She leaves a daughters, Elizabeth M. Ferry of Brookline.

The funeral was scheduled at the convenience of the family, and West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Women's Lunch Place, 6 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116.

#### LORRAINE M. HANSON

Lorraine M. (Racine) Hanson, 59, of Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at home.

She worked for Reliant Pharmaceuticals in Largo, Florida, and was a teacher's aide in the Pinellas City, Florida public school system. She also worked as a live-in health aide.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Florida before moving to Feeding Hills two years ago. She was a graduate of Cathedral High School of Springfield in 1959.

She leaves two sons, James Shea of Ely, Nevada, and Richard Shea of Largo; two daughters, Maureen Shepard of Feeding Hills and Kimberly Hanson of Pinellas Park, Florida; her parents, Arthur J. & Jean H. (Gilks) Racine of Florida; a brother, Eric Racine of Springfield; two sisters, Donna Burrage of Valdosta, Georgia, and Jackie Marcincuk of Plant City, Florida; and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Greater Grace of Pioneer Valley in Westfield, and Byron's City Burial and Cremation Service of Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

#### MARK S. HERMANS

Mark S. Hermans, 54, of 145 Brien Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

He was a six-year purchasing specialist for New Venture Technology of Enfield, Connecticut. He previously worked for the former Digital Equipment Corp. for four years and for Frito Lay Corp. for 13 years.

Born in Passaic, New Jersey, he lived in Springfield for eight years and Westfield for 27 years before moving to Agawam 19 years ago. He was a graduate of Agawam High School, attended Western New England College, and was a 1987 graduate of Westfield State College.

He was a Coast Guard veteran of the Vietnam War and served a year on the Boston Light Ship, a year in search and rescue, and two years at the Eastern Point Light House, both in Gloucester. He was a certified captain for vessels up to 44 feet long. He was a member of the American Legion of Southwick and the Moose Club of Westfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Charlene C. Chriscola; a son, Mark S. Jr. at home; two daughters, Nicole M. Sowa of Westfield and Jill C. Hermans of Agawam; his parents, John & Rosalie (Paro) Hermans of Springhills, Florida; four brothers, Bruce of Granby, Blaire and John, both of Southwick, and Scott of Springfield; and two sisters, Karen Haynes of Springfield and Nancy Zaborowski of Agawam.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and in St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Service, 77 Mill Street, Westfield, MA 01085.

#### **ALICE KAZANTIS**

Alice Kazantis, 70, of 4 Trinity Terrace, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She worked for 20 years at the Agawam Food Mart as a cashier.

Born and educated in New Bedford, she had been a resident of Agawam for 38 years and was a communicant of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Springfield.

She leaves her husband, Nicholas; a son, Christopher of Canton; two daughters, Ann Macey of Agawam and Elaine Cancelliere of Chicopee; and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was private and held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, followed by a private burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Massachusetts Chapter, 720 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02118.

#### ALFRED R. PENNA

Alfred R. Penna, 79, of 272 High Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

He was a 25-year mechanic for this town and retired in 1991. He previously worked for Old Colony Envelope in Westfield and at the former Perkins

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# THANK YOU

I would sincerely like to thank the people of Agawam who supported me in my effort to fill the vacant seat on the council. I would also like to thank the councilors who had confidence in me and would not deviate from their vote. Once again, thank you.

JOHN J NEGRUCCI

Born in Southwick, he lived in Agawam most of his life and was a 1940 graduate of Agawam High School, whre he played football and made All-Western Massachusetts.

He was a member of Agawam Baptist Church, the Mount Orthodox Lodge of Masons in West Springfield, and the Mawaga Sportsmen's Club. He was a World War II Navy veteran and received the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one bronze star, and the Navy Occupation Service Medal.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, the former Jean E. Burke; a daughter, Marilyn J. Kane of Agawam; four sisters, Josephine Penna of Longmeadow, Albina Herrero of Sunnyvale, California, Venetia Beach of Springfield, and Anita Morace of Wilbraham; and two grandchildren. A son, Ronald A., died last year.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

#### JUNE V. REYNOLDS

June V. (McDonald) Reynolds, 72, of 50 Federal Avenue, Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

She owned the Kist Beverage Co. in the Thorndike section of Palmer and retired in 1984.

Born and educated in Palmer, she lived in Ludlow and Wilbraham before moving to California in 1985. She moved to Agawam in 1995.

Her husband, Mark E. Reynolds, Jr., died in 1995.

She leaves five sons, Larry M. of East Longmeadow, Alan D. of Agawam, Paul L. of Springfield, Mark E. III of Seattle, Washington, and David S. of Sacramento, California; two daughters, Sharon Cignoni of Thorndike and Jodie M. Bishop of Columbus, Indiana; two brothers, Richard L. McDonald of Palmer and William McDonald of Scottsdale, Arizona; a sister, Lorraine Bristol of Yucaipa, California; 14 grandchildren; and four greatgrandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Evangelical Covenant Church in Springfield, with a private burial in Woodlawn Dell Cemetery in Wilbraham. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 813 Williams Street, P.O. Box 61210, Longmeadow, MA 01106.

#### RAMON ROSARIO

Ramon Rosario, 55, of 13 South Florida Drive, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a selector for the Sweet Life Co. in Suffield. Born in Manati, Puerto Rico, he lived in Springfield for 26 years before moving to Agawam 11 years ago.

He leaves his wife, the former Inez Galindez; two daughters, Norma Nunnally of Springfield and Vilma Rivera of the Indian Orchard section of Springfield; a brother, Juan of Puerto Rico; a sister, Minerva Rosario of Worcester; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Puerta Del Cielo Funeral Home, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

#### **GOLDIE P. ROSCOE**

Goldie Pearl (Sutton) Roscoe, 83, of 139 Stuart Avenue, Southport, North Carolina, died recently at Dosher Memorial Hospital.

A retired secretary, she was born in Stonington, Connecticut, and moved to Southport from Hampton, New Hampshire, in 1989.

She was a former resident of Agawam and a member of Agawam Baptist Church. She also was a mem-

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ber of the Southport Presbyterian Church, an author, and a member of the Scribblers Club.

She leaves her husband, Robert S. Roscoe; a son, Kenneth Sutton of Ellington, Connecticut; a step-daughter, Jan Dinda of Diamond Head, Mississippi; two sisters, Dorothy Warren of Agawam and Arlene Jameson of Tilton, New Hampshire; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Peacock-Newman Funeral Home of Southport was in charge of the arrangements. A memorial service will be held at the Agawam Baptist Church on Saturday, September 30th, at 1:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 1205 East Moore Street, Southport, North Carolina 28461.

#### **EDWARD J. VITKUS**

Edward Joseph Vitkus, 67, of 1162 Springfield Street, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He owned Ed's Cleaning Service and also worked for the Wilbraham School Department. Born in Hartford, Connecticut, he was a 28-year resident of Wilbraham before moving to Feeding Hills in 1995.

He leaves a son, Richard of Richmond, Virginia; a daughter, Joanne Baldridge of Wilbraham; a brother, August of Rockville, Connecticut; four sisters, Frances Roy of Revere, Elizabeth Cantifi of Newington, Connecticut, Pauline Rolocut of Meriden, Connecticut, and Leona Savoie of Ivoryton, Connecticut; and two grandchildren.

A memorial Mass was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church in the Indian Orchard section of Springfield. Nowak Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089, or the church renovation fund at 25 Parker Street, Indian Orchard, MA 01151.

#### **BRIAN J. WYCKOFF**

Brian John Wyckoff, 32, of Rosie Lane, Agawam, died recently at home.

He worked at Auto Zone in Westfield.

Born in Springfield, he attended Agawam schools.

He leaves his parents, Ray A. & Heather (Whiteford) Wyckoff, and three brothers, Christopher of Agawam, Keith of West Springfield, and Timothy of the Three Rivers section of Palmer.

The funeral was held at Agawam Congregational Church, with a private burial at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the church maintenance fund, 745 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

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LEGAL NOTICE

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PARAGRAPH 49-7(C) AND PARAGRAPH 49-7(D)(3) OF CHAPTER 49 ENTITLED "PERSONNEL" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM TO UPDATE THE WAGES FOR CERTAIN UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the wage scale for certain unclassified positions needs to be adjusted in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2001 Budget; WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Agawam to adjust certain wages; NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam Town Council hereby resolves and ordains to amend Paragraph 49-7(C) and Paragraph 49-7(D)(3) of Chapter 49 of the Code of the Town of Agawam, effective July 1, 2000, to read as follows: 1. Paragraph 49-7(C): Amend Paragraph 49-7(C) for part-time position (salary calculated per year) as contained on Exhibit A which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and 2. Paragraph 49-7(D)(3): Approve the current hourly pay scales for the part-time non-bargaining unit positions which are contained on Exhibit A which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**EXHIBIT A** 

Chapter 49 - PERSONNEL

Section 49-7 - Classification of Non-Bargaining Unit Employees

(C) Part-time Positions (salary calculated per year):

(1) Appraiser: \$9,500 per year

(3) Board of Appeals Chairperson: \$1,000 per year

(4) Board of Appeals Clerk: \$800 per year (5) Board of Appeals Vice Chairperson: \$600 per year

(8) Board of Appeals Alternate: \$300 per year (D) Part-time Positions (pay calculated per hour): Meals on Wheels Driver: \$7.79 - \$8.04 Dated this Twenty-Second Day of September, 2000

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL
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# Regular Council **Meeting Agenda**

Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street Monday, October 2nd - 7:30 P.M.

- 1. Citizen's Speak Time.
- 2. Roll Call.
- 3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. Minutes Regular Council Meeting of 9/20/2000.
- Declaration from Council President.
- 6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials &

Remonstrances. (a) Resolutions

1. TR-2000-41- A Resolution Establishing a Stop Sign at Candlewood Drive and Birch Hill Road in the Town of Agawam (Mayor).

2. TR-2000-42- A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Documents Permitting the Installation of Fiber Optic Communications System Within the Existing Tennessee Gas Pipeline Right-of-Way Located on Property Owned by the Town of Agawam at Tuckahoe Turf Farm (Mayor).

Report of Council Committees.

None.

8. Elections.

None.

9. Public Hearings.

1. PH-2000-10-(TO-2000-49)-Gas Storage Permit-Agawam Car Care, 1 River Rd., Aga., MA-Request for 20,000 gal. underground Petroleum Products (Continue Public Hearing).

10. Old Business.

1. TOR-2000-7-An Ordinance Amending Sec. 82-2 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Mayor)(3rd Reading).

2. TOR-2000-8-An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Town of Agawam by Adding Sec. 1-7 in Accordance with MGL Ch. 40, Sec. 57 (Mayor)(2nd Read.)(Ref. to Ordin. Comm. on 9/20/2000). TO-2000-51-Voucher List (\$112.50),

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, October 2, 2000 upon petition of Western Mass. Electric Company dated August 8, 2000 for permission to: provide service to new house #39, install secondary cable 179 feet in tree belt in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2000.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871. Petition #: 1367

Street: Lakeview Circle

Ursula Retzler Clerk of the Council

Real Estate

Published: September 28, 2000.





DISCUSSING THE AGAWAM BUSINESS QUESTIONNAIRE AT A press conference at the Agawam Public Library were (from left) Frederick Andrews, Springfield Technical Community College Enterprise Center; Richard Bellico, Agawam Chamber of Commerce; Richard A. Cohen, Mayor; Andrew Scibelli, STCC president; Deborah Dachos, Planning director for Agawam; and Robert F.L. MacDonald, president, Agawam Chamber of Commerce. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

In Response To Survey...

# **Agawam Businesses Share Likes & Dislikes**

"This is exactly what I had hoped for," remarked Mayor Richard Cohen of Agawam in a statement released this week. "Local businesses are responding from the heart."

On September 6th, 1,000 surveys were sent to Agawam businesses as the first step in Mayor Cohen's business development and retention program. The survey contains a variety of questions ranging from the number of employees, interest in a central business district, impacts of traffic and Six Flags New England, and the willingness to participate on a task force of Agawam businesses.

Surveys, which have started to arrive at the Town Hall, are anonymous and are candid. Responses to what skills an organization must possess to secure its position in the 21st century include: "friendly/smiling people, computer skills, and good sales/marketing techniques." Most of the early respondents say they have grown over the last five years. And almost all have responded that the South End Bridge traffic affects their business.

Asked how the Town of Agawam can better serve business needs, some businesses have taken the opportunity to share their frustrations with past experiences with local government. However, most respondents replied that, "The Town of Agawam has done everything we have ever asked," and, "The Town has been very helpful over the 10 years we have been here."

Mayor Cohen said, "Thank you. I am looking for guidance. Agawam businesses have the expertise to thrive in our present economy. I want to hear if congestion on local roads is preventing customers from getting to their destinations. I want to know if local permitting can be improved. It's the only way we can grow together."

Survey forms are to be sent to the Mayor's Office at 36 Main Street, Agawam, Massachusetts 01001. Though not due until November 1st, Mayor Cohen has asked that businesses take a couple of minutes out of their busy schedules to return them as soon as

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# PVTA Now Serves Agawam Seven Days A Week

by Kathy Shepard Feature Editor

The Pioneer Valley has long enjoyed dependable bus service, but now, according to announcements made by Mayor Richard Cohen and Gary Shepard, administrator of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, bus service will be available seven days a week A recent announcement coincided with "Try Transit Week," falling between September 10th-16th.

The Sunday service will consist of seven daily runs, at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1:00, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, and 6:00 p.m. The buses will leave the Springfield Bus Terminal and stop at Century Plaza and the Big E in West Springfield, then in Feeding Hills Center before retracing their route. This run will take about an hour.

This additional service is in response to passengers requesting improved transit service on Sundays and holidays. The state legislature passed a bill in 2000 providing 75 percent of the funding needed to provide this service.

Cohen told us, "This service will allow those with disabilities or those who do not drive for various reasons the ability to do those things which people who drive take for granted. The additional transit opportunities will give an economic boost not only by allowing



ON THE FRONT STEPS OF TOWN HALL, the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority announced extended service to Agawam residents. From left - Rosemary Sandlin, administrative assistant to State Senator Linda Melconian and vice-chairwoman of the Agawam School Committee; Gary Shepard, PVTA administrator; Richard A. Cohen, Mayor; and Richard Mundo, executive director of the Agawam Council on Aging. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

people more options to shop, but also providing the means to get to a job which requires working on Sundays. This is long overdue, and I am proud that Agawam and the state legislators have made the service possible."

Studies have shown that public transit stimulates economic development, eases traffic congestion,

reduces gasoline consuption and air pollution, and helps to create strong neighborhood centers that are economically stable, safe, and productive, according to Shepard..

The PVTA is the second-largest transit authority in Massachusetts and serves 24 communities, providing 13 million trips each year.

# Quarterly Tax Payment Plan Approved By Town Council

by Hope E. Murray Municipal Writer

Town Council voted last week to adopt a quarterly tax payment system in Agawam.

Under the new system, tax bills will be sent four times per year instead of two. This will allow for smaller payments for residents, smaller late penalty fees, and nearly \$100,000 in revenue for the town, according to Mayor Richard C. Cohen.

The vote passed 8-2 with Councilors Robert Rossi and Richard Morassi voting against the change. One reason the two councilors cited for their no votes was that there is no clear plan for designating the revenue.

"I see that people want to raise money and I'm in favor of that," Rossi said, "but what are we going to do with it? I would like to see the administration give it back to the people who gave it to them." "I've spoken to the treasurer who told me that we have not had to borrow money and we're not in danger of having to borrow money," Rossi added.

Morassi said he did not "feel comfortable" voting for the quarterly tax adoption because he said that although he did not feel strongly for or against it, he said most of the residents he spoke to did not want the change. That statement was met with vocal disagreement from several members of the audience, mainly senior citizens who had spoken out in favor of the new tax billing system.

Other councilors disagreed with Morassi. "About 75-80 percent of the people who did speak to me about this were in favor of it," said Councilor Gina Letellier.

Council President Robert Magovern said this vote was "one of the hardest votes I've had to make." Magovern ultimately decided to vote for the change based on opinions he gathered from residents, despite the fact that he said he could "not see any reason for doing it or any reason for not doing it."

Several supporters and one proponent came to the council meeting to voice opinions during Citizen's Speak Time. Agawam resident Mary Broadhurst expressed her beliefs why the change was not a good idea. "I can appreciate that it will raise funds for the town," she said, "but my funds are in the bank raising funds for me."

Richard Bellico spoke in favor of the change, stating that Agawam would benefit from quarterly taxes on several levels, including with real estate transfers and instances where the town may have to borrow money.

Councilor George Bitzas reached his favorable vote after speaking to many elderly citizens. He added

that he, too, would like to designate the money to go back to the town. "I'd like to put an amendment to use the money for five years for the fields and for our seniors," he said. "But this money must go to a general fund. I've spoken to the Mayor and he intends to use

this money to help seniors and open the ambulance station in the Feeding Hills area."

The new quarterly tax billing system, which has been adopted in surrounding towns, will begin next year.





# Cecile Hamel Roy Brings Humor & Insight To Catholic Women's Club

by Kathy Shepard Feature Editor

After the business meeting of the Agawam Catholic Women's Club of St. John the Evangelist Church on September 11th, the guest speaker, Cecile Hamel Roy, took the group "by storm," entertaining and keeping the group laughing and reminiscing for a comfortable period of time, followed by a short break for high tea and sweets. She then gave a fascinating talk about her home in Malta and that country's history.

Cecile is the daughter of Bea Hamel of Agawam. Many know Bea from her involvement with the Parish, her beautiful singing voice, and her way of reaching out in friendship to people. Cecile is married to Claude Roy, who is president of FIM Bank in Malta. She wrote "A Brief History of Malta," with a first publication in February 2000. Customers of the bank were given copies.

Cecile is loaded with personality, and time flew by during her visit with at the club meeting. She handed out questionnaires which helped the club members to associate memories with past and present decades.

In an article written about her in a newspaper magazine similar to the national publication, *Parade*, Cecile said, "A good laugh is the best thing in the world!" Another gem of wisdom gives perspective to home-making: "If one does not dust everyday and a little dust accumulates, then that person is not a slob. It just means that you have lots of other, more important things to do!"

Cecile has university degrees in arts and education, and was a teacher in both Philadelphia and in Massachusetts. Prior to that, however, she experienced a panoply of jobs which ranged from waitress to editorial assistant for a New York publishing house.

A favorite hobby is writing. About her history of Malta, she summarizes the contrast between the United States and the Maltese histories: "Coming from the States, where our written history is only about 200 years-old, to a place like Malta, where your history spans seven thousand years, is impressive." She also enjoys writing poetry and is currently working on another book, which is an historical novel set during the Great Siege of Malta in 1565.

The Roys' apartment in the city of Sliema affords the couple a magnificent view, stretching from the Sliema promenade on one side to the Mediterranean and Valletta bastions on the other. For obvious reasons, Cecile's favorite "room" is the balcony. In her 30

# Ag. Women's Club To Host Fashion Showcase, Oct. 29th

A Fall Fashion Showcase and Buffet Brunch will be held on Sunday, October 29th, sponsored by the Agawam Women's Club to help fund their many community projects.

A few examples include the Agawam High School Scholarship Fund, Holyoke Soldiers' Home, local nursing homes, and holiday gift baskets for needy families.

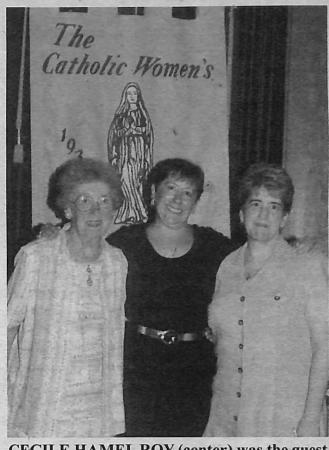
This is the club's major fundraiser, held at Chez Josef in the Tivoli Room, with the social half-hour beginning at 12:00 noon, followed by the luncheon from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Lorraine Gorham and Lorraine's Fashion Showcase of Holyoke will narrate the fashion show.

There will be numerous door prizes and three beautiful raffle baskets.

For tickets and further information, please call 786-3091.

A donation of \$22 per person is requested. Your support for the Agawam Women's Club's community projects is greatly appreciated.



CECILE HAMEL ROY (center) was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Catholic Women's Club. Pictured are Bea Hamel (her mother) and Angela Beaudry. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

years of marriage, this is their 14th address. It is the first, however, outside of North America.

By way of introduction to Cecile's book, the cover describes the Maltese Islands as "rich in culture and history. The islands' temples, enormous stone structures built around 3000 B.C., are among the oldest free-standing edifices in the world. The heroic defense of Malta during the Great Siege of 1565 and World War II has earned the Maltese Islands a place in the annals of history."

Meeting Cecile Hamel Roy and hearing her speak were energizing, enlightening, and thoroughly enjoyable experiences, many club members said. Those present will surely agree that her next visit will be anticipated with enthusiasm and open hearts.

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# Vets Remembrance Day At Big E On Sun., Oct. 1st

On October 1st, the POW/MIA Steering Committee will present Veterans Remembrance Day at The Big E. The Big E has set aside this day to pay tribute to all our veterans. The day will start with flag education at the Flag Honor Court from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. This will include the history of the flag, how to display, fold and retire the flag.

There will also be a proper disposal of flags ceremony for unserviceable flags. All veterans are invited to march in the daily parade. Following the parade at 6:00 p.m., in the Colliseum, the POW/MIA Steering Committee will present a candlelight remembrance ceremony for all six New England states.

This ceremony has been awarded the Department of Mass. American Legion Auxiliary Best POW/MIA Award, the Department of Mass. American Legion Auxiliary National Security Award, and Best Memorial Book Award for 1998-1999. The American Legion Auxiliary, at the national convention in Anaheim, California in September 1999, awarded this program the honor of Best Overall Military Support Program in the Eastern Division.

Members of the POW/MIA Steering Committee are from Wilson Thompson Post and Auxiliary Unit 185: Paul Danehey, Post Sergeant at Arms; Susan Hayden, Auxiliary Secretary and Massachusetts Auxiliary Unit Member of the Year; Mary Ellen Morissette, Auxiliary President, Auxiliary Second Vice-President, Hampden County District 3, and Department of Mass. Auxiliary POW/MIA Chairman; Kenneth Morytko, Post Adjutant and Hampden County District 3 Adjutant; Jay O'Sullivan, Post Judge Advocate; Louis Russo, Post Chaplain; Glenn Seymour, Hampden County District 3 Historian; Nikole Seymour, Auxiliary Sergeant at Arms; and Dennis Ward, Post Finance Officer.

For further information, call Mary Ellen Morissette at 789-9844.

# Emblem Club To Host Penny Social Thurs., Oct. 12th

The West Springfield-Agawam Emblem Club announces the Annual Penny Social will be held October 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the West Springfield Elks Lodge on Morgan Road.

Doors will open at 5:30. For more information, call Arlene at 568-1518 or Betty at 788-9119.

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# Mercy Warren Chap. Of DAR To Meet On Tuesday, October 3rd

Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its October meeting in the Guild Rooms of Faith United Church, 52 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 1:00 p.m., preceded by a finger luncheon (\$4) hosted by the Betsy Ross Club at 12:15 p.m.

The meeting will be under the direction of Regent Dianne Little of Agawam.

We will hear a report on the Fall State Meeting held in Barnstable, Cape Cod (for the dedication of the

statue of Mercy Warren) and report on Constitution Week, which is celebrated September 17th-23rd in each community.

Miss Mary Andrews, our state Registrar, will speak of her service in the State Department.

The American Heritage Corner will feature memorabilia of the U. S. Government. Guests are always welcome.

DAR welcomes new members. It is open to any woman over 18 who is descended from a man or woman who aided in achieving American independence.

Those interested in membership in the Mercy Warren Chapter should contact Registrar Elizabeth Cahill in Wilbraham, 596-3160, or Jodie McGuinness in Westfield, 562-0957.

The state website is www.massdar.com.

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# AHS Class of 1935 Plans Reunion On October 14th

The Class of 1935 of Agawam High School is planning their 65th class reunion.

It will be held at Take Five Restaurant in Feeding Hills on October 14th at 1:00 p.m.

If anyone knows where Marion Roberts Morrissey or Irma Hromada Alexander may be reached, please call 786-3255 or 786-7158.

# Polish Club's Women's Auxiliary Slate Oct. Meeting

The Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club of Agawam will hold a meeting on October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion.

After the meeting, a fun program is planned for painting sweatshirts.

No experience is necessary. Bring your own washed sweatshirt.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

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## **Turnverein Holds Steak Roast**



THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN on Garden St. in Feeding Hills sponsored a Steak Roast on Sat., Sept. 8th with part of the proceeds going to the club's Men's Singing Section and the Ladies' Glee Club. Event committee members included (back row, from left) Emil Wrobleski, Martha Wrobleski, and Christa Strehl. Front row - Ruth Gillan, Wilma Gillan, Ann Maynard, and Harry Zimmerman. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

# AHS Class of 1965 Planning 35th Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1965 is planning a 35th reunion on November 25th at Alexander's in Feeding Hills. The committee is looking for the following class members:

Emily Attardi (Guidi), Kenneth Bartschi, Francis Belisle, Patricia Beauchene (Kehr), Martin Blustine, Nancy Catelotti (Meehan), Nancy Coupas, Joan Dearborn (Cooper), Richard Della Giustina, Ruth Dempsey (Connor), William Desmond, Diane Ferioli (Collins), Howard Gill, Jack Grant, Charlie Guyote.

Paul Jenks, Aurora Kusick, Patricia McMahon (Kleh), James Mitchell, David Moreno, Glenn Nichols, Linda Paige, Joseph Paquin, David Pond, Daniel Pugh, Charlene Rankin, Robert Shugda, Marie Southard, Gary Tease, Joyce Thomas, Faith Wheeler, Terry Wheeler.

For more information, contact the committee at https://hometown.aol.com/agawam1965.

## Agawam Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 2nd: Shepherd's pie, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, orange.

Tuesday, October 3rd: Baked chicken breast, steak fries, peas, rye bread, birthday cake.

Wednesday, October 4th: Beef stew, tomatoes & cucumber salad, biscuit, ice cream.

Thursday, October 5th: Stuffed shells w/meat sauce, tossed salad, rye bread, chocolate pudding.

Friday, October 6th: Baked fish, rice Pilaf, broccoli, whole wheat bread, applesauce.

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# Friends/COA Awards Dinner Planned For Oct. 19

The "Friends"/COA Annual Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 19th at Partners Restaurant on Springfield Street. Members of "Friends" and the COA Board are asked to support this fundraiser.

Tickets are \$12 and the choice of meals is stuffed boneless breast of chicken or baked scrod. Tickets may be purchased at the Senior Center or from "Friends" board members. Our featured speaker for the evening will be Kevin McGurk, reporter from the Springfield Newspapers, who writes the SOS column.

The Andrew Gallano Award will be presented as well as the "Friendship" Award from "Friends."

# Happy 16th Birthday, Jen



Love Always, Dad, Mom, Amie, Harley, & Zoey

# Oct. Calendar From Golden Age Chap. 2

Friday, October 6th: Board of Directors' meeting, 1:00 p.m., Senior Center

Wednesday, October 11th: Anniversary Dinner Meeting, new Olive Oil Restaurant (Springfield St., Agawam). Entertainment to follow.

Thursday, October 19th: Mystery trip that will be enjoyable and entertaining.

Wednesday, October 25th: Regular meeting, 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen

Monday, October 30th: Special Dream trip of winning at Mohegan Casino

All Agawam seniors are welcome to join Chapter One. Call Helen Rogers, Membership Chairperson, 786-3756. Call Ed Organek, trip organizer, regarding trips, 786-2453.

# Golden Age Chap. 1's October Calendar

Wednesday, October 4th: Anniversary Banquet, Shaker Farms Country Club, Westfield. Social hour, 11:00 a.m. Dinner served 12:00 noon. Entertainment by West Side Tappers.

Monday, October 9th: Bus trip to Mohegan Sun

Wednesday, October 11th: Bus trip to Armarant's Sea Cliff, New Haven, CT. Smorgasbord lunch and show, "A Time To Remember."

Wednesday, October 18th: Regular meeting, 1:30 p.m., Senior Center. Speaker, Keith Riedy of Genesis Elder Care, Agawam, "Falls and Aging."

Friday, October 27th: Board of Directors' meeting, 1:00 p.m., Senior Center.

Senior citizens living in Agawam are invited to join the Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter 2.

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"A BREATH OF AUTUMN," the artwork of Heritage Hall North residents, will remain on display at the Agawam Public Library for the month of September. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

# Art By Heritage Hall Residents On Display At Agawam Library

by Kathy Shepard **Feature Editor** 

Heritage Hall North residents have been displaying their artwork (entitled "A Breath of Autumn") throughout the month of September at the Agawam Public Library. Deborah A. Allen, art teacher to the residents, told us, "Art is therapeutic and exceeds language barriers and physical and emotional limitations."

The art show is a culmination of hours of concentration. Every generation is special, and each individual has something unique to share, to teach, or to the beauty of their vision.

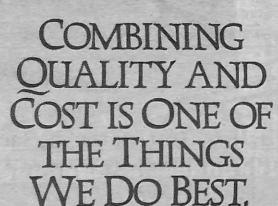
Although many of these artists suffer discomfort or need a little extra help to accomplish their daily tasks, they have managed to put aside their own problems long enough and with enough faith to create beauty for others to enjoy.

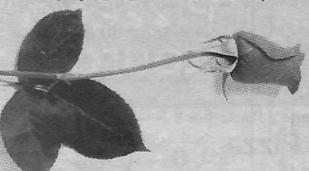
Mrs. Allen has been an area artist for over 17 years September.

communicate. What is amazing about this display is and has been affiliated with several organizations, such as the Springfield Art League and the Agawam Community Artists. She teaches throughout the area in other residential and private homes, and encourages a therapeutic approach and response to art.

> The artwork of the Heritage Hall North artists will remain on display throughout the month of

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...





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# **Agawam Senior Games Athletes Hold Tag Sale**





THE AGAWAM SENIOR GAMES ATHLETES HELD a fundraising tag sale on Saturday, September 16th. Managing the electronics table were, from left, Harry Ingram, Tom Bentley, and Angelo Polumbo. IN RIGHT PHOTO: With their upcoming Christmas Bazaar in mind, some great decorations were for sale at the tag sale. Pictured are Lena Peloquin (left) and Vii Presz. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.





MARY HILL PAYS FOR an item purchased at the Agawam Senior Games Athletes Tag Sale held at the Agawam Senior Center. Making change for Mary was Senior Games Athlete Ted Cutler. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Showing off some of the exceptional values in the Book Dept. at the Ag. Senior Games Athletes Tag Sale were (from left) Peggy Bentley, Chris Polumbo, and Ginny Ingram. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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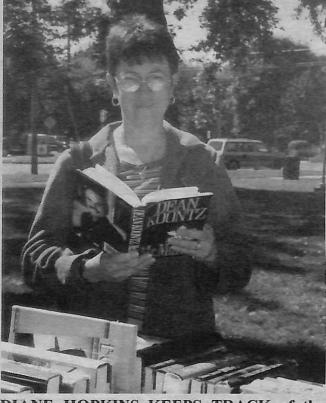
NEWS!!!



# Sunny Day For AHS Band's Tag Sale On Vets' Green



JESSIE FULLER OF PEROS DRIVE, Agawam, checks out an electric fry pan at the Agawam High School Band Tage Sale on the Veterans' Green in Agawam Center. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



DIANE HOPKINS KEEPS TRACK of the book table that featured many great bargains on books in excellent condition at the Agawam High School Band Tag Sale held on the Phelps Green in Agawam Center. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

# Granville Harvest Run To Be Held on Columbus Day

The second annual Granville Harvest Run will be held on Columbus Day weekend (Sunday, Oct. 8th, at 9:30 a.m.).

Proceeds from the race will benefit the Granville Volunteer Ambulance.

The race is held on a gently-rolling 5K course (not on Granville's well-known Route 57 hills), and offers plenty of good homemade, post-race food and a top quality t-shirt. (Yes, we will have women's sizes!)

For information or a faxed application, please call Cal West, Race Director at 413-357-6655.

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SHOWING OFF THEIR WARES at the Agawam High School Band Tag Sale on a sunny September Saturday were Kate Albro and Pat Drewniak. IN PHOTO BELOW: Band members (from left) Dan Drewniak, Tony Albro, Amanda Bruno, Bill Cochran, & Gary Dionne lift a "Bike For A Buck" into a customer's van at the AHS Band Tag Sale. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

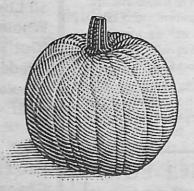


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To begin with, a "map" of your body should be made. Make note of all brown spots and moles so that you can keep an eye on anything that changes or looks suspicious to you. Sizes, shapes, location, and colors of such spots are important to remember, so write it down. Report any concerns to your dermatologist, as early detection and a biopsy could be your cure.

To create a map, completely remove all clothing and stand in front of a long mirror. (Malignant moles can show up in areas that never see the light of day.) Start by parting your hair and examining your scalp. Inspect your face and behind the ears. Work your way down your body, making sure to check everywhere—under arms, between toes and fingers, and soles of the feet..

Use a hand mirror to examine hard-to-see areas



MARYANN DE LORIA

# Maryann De Loria Named Justice Of The Peace

Maryann De Loria was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Agawam by Governor A. Paul Cellucci in Boston on August 16th at a meeting of the Governor's Council. She was sworn in Friday, August 25th, at the Secretary of State's office in Springfield.

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such as your back and neck area. If you still have difficulty, ask a friend to help and then help her! (Spread the word about early detection.)

These are three types of skin cancer to look out for:

Basal-cell carcinoma, which is the most common form of skin cancer. There have been almost one million new cases diagnosed in the U.S. every year! It can show up as a shiny pink bump that can be mistaken for a pimple. You can usually find these on your nose or other sun-exposed areas. These can easily be removed by your dermatologist and the prognosis is excellent.

Squamous-cell carcinoma is a more dangerous form of skin cancer. It looks like a red patch of skin or a non-healing sore. These can usually be found on sun-exposed areas such as the face, hands, arms, and back. If caught early enough, the prognosis is good.

Malignant melanoma is the most deadly form of skin cancer. It looks like a large, irregular mole, usually blue or black in color. It can sometimes be crusted, inflamed, or bleeding and have irregular edges. If not detected early enough, the growth can spread to vital organs and possibly be fatal.

Now that summer is over, it is still vital to use sunscreen every day on all exposed skin. It is so easy to include in your routine and takes only minutes.

Buy moisturizers and make-up that have sunscreen in it to make it that much simpler. UV rays can penetrate glass, so even if you are indoors or traveling in a car, you are not fully protected. A protection of SPF 15 or higher is recommended to not only prevent skin cancer, but to prevent premature aging and wrinkles. Thought for a smile: a special angel smiling down on you. and remember.....Beauty is our Business!

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# Church News

At Agawam Baptist Church...

# **Pastor Richard Barnes To Leave** On October 1st

by Kathy Shepard **Feature Editor** 

Pastor Richard Barnes will be leaving Agawam Baptist Church in Agawam Center as its minister on October 1st. There is a reception in his honor on October 1st at 5:00 p.m. at the church, and anyone interested in obtaining tickets or more information about this formal, sit-down dinner can call Agawam Baptist Church at 786-7300.

Pastor Barnes and his wife, Mercedes Gonzalez Barnes, will be serving with the American Baptist Board of International Ministries. "We will be going to the Mexicali Baja, California region of Mexico, and will be recruiting and training leaders for new church planting. This will involve some teaching at the seminary in Mexicali, as well as traveling to the individual churches of the Baja, California region," he told us.

The Baja, California region is approximately 450 miles long and 100 miles wide. According to Pastor Barnes, "It is densely populated along the coast and sparcely populated in the interior, which is desert."

Pastor Barnes became pastor of the Agawam Baptist Church in January 1995 and has enjoyed his work and his congregation very much. Once his position as pastor ends on Sunday, he will immediately be on staff at International Ministries, but the Barnes family will stay in their home until about December 15th.

During this time, Pastor Barnes will do deputation speaking around the country. He has several speaking engagements lined up, some in New York State and one in Hudson, Massachusetts.

There will be a period of time spent in Costa Rica in January, where Pastor Barnes will take language attended Central Baptist

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A RECEPTION FOR OUTGOING PASTOR RICHARD BARNES will be held at Agawam Baptist Church on Sunday, October 1st, at 5:00 p.m. For tickets and/or more information about this dinner, call the church at 786-7300. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

school. "Although my wife is fluent in Spanish, I need to improve my skills," he explained.

"When we leave, we will be taking mainly those items which will fit in our suitcases. All else will be left in storage until some time in August or September, when we will be settling in Baja. At that time, we will get our things out of storage."

Pastor Barnes attended the University of Maine at Presque Isle, which is far north of Bangor. "Presque means 'almost an island' in French," he translated.

He earned a bachelor of science in secondary education at that university.

Pastor Barnes then

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Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas, earning a master's of divinity.

It was there that he met Mercedez, who also holds a master's of Divinity. They have three children: Aida (9), Rich (7), and Joshua (18 months).

Pastor Barnes said, "I want to express a great deal of appreciation to the congregation and to the people of Agawam for the time that I have been pastor of Agawam Baptist Church."

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- Believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
- Trust in Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord. Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

The time to trust in Christ, to make Him the object of your faith, is now. You can do it today by praying something like this:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and that in my own strength I cannot do anything to please You or to earn eternal life. I believe that You love me and that You sent Your Son to die on the cross to pay the penalty for my sin. I now put my faith in You and trust completely in Jesus Christ to rescue me. I desire to turn away from my sin and to let You take control of my life. Amen.

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Reflections... submitted by Rev. Peter Monahan Pastor of the New Life Christian Church, Suffield, CT (413) 789-1377 or toll free (877) 643-9801

#### We Come With An Owner's Manual...

One way to describe the Bible, while somewhat unorthodox, is to call it our "Owner's Manual." It's like when we buy a car or major appliance for our home, and we get a book telling us how to operate the machine we've just purchased. For example, nobody in their right mind would pour water into their car's gasoline tank. Even though gasoline costs a lot of money nowadays, we wouldn't even think of stretching out our gas by mixing it with a little water. We might do that with milk if we're running low, but never with gas. Why not? Because the owner's manual has informed us that cars won't work if we put water in the gas tank.

There are many practical, and somewhat simple, instructions we can and should follow in our "Owner's Manual," the Bible. Some even come with promises of great blessing if we follow the instructions. For example, the Bible says, Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. The promise associated with that directive is undoubtedly great! Who wouldn't want the devil to go away, and to leave us alone? We would do ourselves a world of good if we obey that one instruction from God. In order to do so, we need to know a thing or two about the devil's ways.

Satan's greatest strength, his real power, comes from his ability to lie. There is in all probability no one more skillful at lying than the devil. Jesus Christ called the devil "the father of lies." Jesus indicated it is in

# **Announcements From Crossroads Christian** Fellowship In F. Hills

Crossroads is located at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning worship begins at 10:00 a.m. with worship leader Michael Caba and Pastor Gary Reiff teaching.

This weekend: Acquire The Fire band will be at Crossroads on Sunday, October 1st, at 10:00 a.m. (The band is returning to Amherst on September 29th and 30th.)

Sunday, October 8th & 15th, at 5:00 p.m.: "Red Sky In The Morning" video series by Bill Bright & John Damoose.

This video study will take you on an exciting adventure defining how we can capture God's purpose for America and how we can discover God's plan for our lives.

Intercessory Prayer: Sunday morning, 9:00 a.m.; Monday morning, 10:00 a.m.; Monday evening, 6:30 p.m. (Harp & Bowl).

God is calling his Prayer Warriors forth; come for a time of prayer and notice the difference in your life.

Home Groups: Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (Springfield); Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (Westfield).

For further information, please call the church office at 821-0937.

## **Nocturnal Adoration** Society To Meet Oct. 6th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Anthony's Church in Agawam to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, October 6th from 7:00-

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

Satan's core character to lie. Satan's favorite lie is that God doesn't exist. Isn't it interesting how many people these days have lost sight of God's very existence? It wasn't too long ago that God's existence was accepted and understood, being initially sensed from the fact of the created world itself. The philosophers call it the

"ontological argument"; that the existence of the watch argues for the existence of the watchmaker. The Bible says the same thing; The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

Nowadays, we can look at this marvelous, vast and complicated world, and some people can actually think it created itself. We look at various life forms, the animals as well as the human species, all so interestingly different and yet so amazingly interconnected; some people believe that all life forms merely spontaneously self-created in a prehistoric puddle. They call it the "Theory of Evolution." It's too bad that theory can't be applied to all the renovations being conducted on our school buildings and roadways; the taxpayers would certainly benefit if buildings and pavements would merely obey the so called "laws" of evolution!

Satan's second favorite lie is that he doesn't exist. Darkness is the preferred venue of all criminals because they cannot be readily observed by their victims. It is the epitome of wisdom for the Mafia to never even admit to its own existence. The devil is not like the images conjured up in horror movies. The devil is a fallen angel. We can't see him any more than we can see God's good angels. But both kinds of angels do exist. It doesn't make sense, when we think about it, to believe in good angels but not bad ones. Besides, how else can one account for evil?

Another of Satan's favorite lies (always ready as a back-up in case the first two don't work) is that you and I don't matter. If Satan can convince us that we amount to nothing more than a biological accident of evolutionary history waiting to die, the chances of us

believing in God's great love for us is virtually nonex-

Satan works day and night to convince us that we are not important to anybody but ourselves. In our country, we speak of acting in "our best interests" or even "enlightened self-interest" rather than acting "for the common good." Indeed, after stripping people of their sense of worth to God, as well as to other people, some people tragically come to the conclusion that they are not even important to themselves anymore. Our increasingly impersonal world, where profits are more important than people, is part of Satan's lie. Easy divorce, where spouses toss each other away like used-up tissue, is another. No wonder God says, Resist the devil!

Our "Owner's Manual," the Bible, tells it like it really is. We are not here all on our own, all alone. God does exist, and He loves us very much! And because He loves us so much, life doesn't have to be a guessing game. Because God loves us, He tells us how we should behave.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep Your servant also from willful sins: may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord.

# St. David's Episcopal Church To Host Pot Roast Dinner On Monday, October 2nd

Roast Dinner on Monday, October 2nd at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include pot roast, oven roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, garden salad, bread and butter, coffee, tea and juice, and bread pudding.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children five

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Pot through 12 and FREE for children under five. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's or at the door. Due to a sellout on most of last year's dinners, we will be unable to hold unpaid reservations past 6:15 p.m. without prior arrangements.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

For more information, please call (413) 786-6133.

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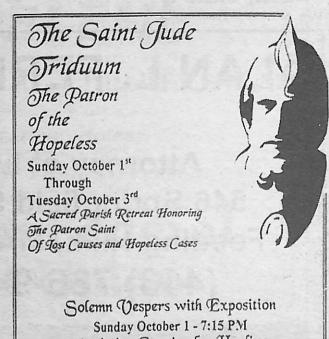
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# News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and this week will include the service of Holy Communion. Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Wishful Thinking." The Scripture reading is James 5:1-9. Lani Kretschmar will be Lector. Ushers will be Sue Boisvert and Chris Chapman. This week's Youth Moment is "All This From a Loaf of Bread and a Cup." Children, who are invited to attend worship with adults, may leave at the designated time for Sunday School. Nursery care is provided for the very young.

There will be a special meeting of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church called by the Property Committee immediately following worship service on Sunday, October 8, 2000. The complete call will be found in the next issue of *The Informer*.

The first of three monthly adult retreats will take place here on Friday, September 29th from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. Participants will enjoy time together as well as moments of solitude as they try to find ways to become more spiritually centered. The next retreat will take place on Friday, October 27th.

The Annual CROPWALK will take place on Sunday, October 15th. Registration begins at St. David's Episcopal Church at 1:00 p.m. with the walk itself kicking off at 2:00 p.m. This is a hunger relief event in support of Church World Service programs around the world. A portion of the proceeds goes directly to the Parish Cupboard in West Springfield. The Cupboard assists families from Agawam, West Springfield, and Southwick. If you would like to participate as a walker or sponsor, please speak to your church contact person. You may also call this church at 786-5061.

On the calendar:

Friday, September 29th: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Adult Retreat

Sunday, October 1st: 10:00 a.m., Communion/Sunday School; 12:00 noon, Church of Redemption

Monday, October 2nd: 3:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts

Tuesday, October 3rd: 3:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Council

Wednesday, October 4th: 3:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Confirmation; 7:30 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, October 5th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

# Activities At St. Anthony's & St.Theresa's

#### MASS SCHEDULE

- \* Monday-Wednesday: 9:00 a.m., St. Theresa.
- \* Thursday: 7:00 p.m., St. Theresa.
- \* Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m., St. Anthony.
- \* Saturday: 4:30 p.m., St. Theresa.
- \* Sunday: 8:30 a.m., St. Anthony; 11:00 a.m., St. Theresa
  - \* Holy Day Vigil: 6:00 p.m., St. Anthony.
  - \* Holy Day: 9:00 a.m./6:00 p.m., St. Theresa.
  - \* Rosary: One half-hour before daily Mass.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- \* Sunday, October 1st: 9:15 a.m., CCD grades K-8 meet in the Parish Education Center; 11:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's with the Novena to St. Theresa ending at this Mass. Following Mass, parishioners are invited for coffee and donuts to celebrate our patroness.
- \* Monday, October 2nd: 6:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal for the 4:30, 8:30 and 11:00 choirs at St. Anthony's; 7:00 p.m., CCD grades 7, 8, 9, and 10 in the Parish Education Center.
- \* Tuesday, October 3rd: 7:00 p.m., Parish Commissions meet in Parish Hall.
- \* Wednesday, October 4th: 7:00 p.m., Cantata choir rehearsal at St. Theresa's.
- \* Thursday, October 5th: 7:30 p.m., 4:30 choir rehearsal at St. Theresa's.

## Ziti/Meatball Dinner At St. John's Church

A ziti and meatball dinner will be held on Thursday, October 19th, at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall, 833 Main Street, Agawam. Servings will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The dinner will also include salad, dessert, and beverages. There will also be door prizes (however, you do not have to be present to win).

Tickets are available at the door, and the cost is \$5

for adults, \$2 for children, and free for youngsters five years of age and under.

The dinner is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Council #5585 of Agawam.

# **Announcements From Sacred Heart Church**

**NEEDED - INTERIOR DESIGNER**: I am looking for a person who can suggest better use of living and office space in the rectory. If you are one who is creative and has experience in reconfiguring space, please contact Fr. Ron.

WEB SITE: Our parish community has a web site. Please go on-line to view it and be linked to other informational sites. The web site is <a href="https://www.sacredheart-feedinghills.cjb.net">www.sacredheart-feedinghills.cjb.net</a>. We are very grateful to Mary Marra, who set up the site and who will continue to maintain it. Thank you, Mary, for a site well planned.

VEHICLE STOLEN FROM PARKING LOT: On Sunday morning, September 10th, a vehicle was stolen from our parish parking lot during the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Please lock all doors when you leave your vehicle parked here or anywhere. Thank you.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: If you would like to become an altar server, then I am asking you to meet in the church on Sunday, October 1st, at 12:00 noon for a practice. You must have made your First Communion. Please come. If you cannot make the meeting, please call Fr. Ron at 786-8200.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS INSTALLA-TION: On the weekend of September 30th/October 1st, Pastoral Council members will be installed as representatives of the parish community at the Mass they attend. Council members are asked to sign the sheet in the sacristy before the scheduled Mass time.

BLESSING OF PETS/ANIMALS: St. Francis of Assisi loved animals and walked gently among them. To honor St. Francis, we are blessing pets/animals on Sunday, October 1st, at 1:00 p.m. in the area behind the church. Everyone is invited to attend this special celebration of love, kindness, and appreciation. Please leash your pets or have control of them so that other animals will be safe as well as the people present.

ATTENTION INSTRUMENT PLAYERS: Beginning
October 5th and continuing every Thursday thereafter, band rehearsal will be held in the parish center
from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. If you would like to be part of
this new musical organization, please come to these
rehearsals. If you have any questions, please contact
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# News From Agawam Congregational Church

This Saturday, September 30th, a Youth Tag Sale will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, located at 745 Main Street, Agawam.

On Sunday, October 1st, we will partake of communion in celebration of World-Wide Communion Sunday. Our service begins at 10:30 a.m., with Reverend Earl Eisenbach speaking on "The Yoke of Religion."

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers. The Senior Choir, under the leadership of Ellen Cogen, will be singing.

Pastor Earl and his wife, Barbara, are members of the Order of St. Luke (an ecumenical world-wide healing organization) and are available for prayer after the service. Also, following the service there is a fellowship hour in Bryan Hall.

A new photo directory is being compiled. Sign-ups for appointments with the photographer will be taken each Sunday at Coffee Hour.

On October 5th, the Fellowship Guild Luncheon will take place at 12:00 noon, followed by a business meeting and craft project.

Members of the community are invited to participate in all the church events. For further information, the church office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every weekday at 786-7111.

#### Parish Notes From St. John's Church

ST. JOHN'S GUILD: The Guild will hold a "Mystery Ride" on Tuesday, October 3rd. Members and their guests must make reservations in advance by calling Gloria at 789-0543 before September 29th.

ST. JOHN'S OVER-60 CLUB: Our Over-60 Club will be travelling to Providence, Rhode Island, on Thursday, October 5th, for our first trip. They will leave our parking lot at 6:45 a.m. for a city tour and water cruise in Providence. Seats are available. Cost: \$53 includes bus, lunch, both tours, and tip. Call Lil at 786-9586 or Barbara at 569-9830.

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY PROGRAM: Next Sunday, we will begin our "Preschool Program" for children ages 3-5 in the lower church during the 9:30 Mass. Maybe our new Confirmation class members

might want to do this for their Community Service?

PARISH PLAY GROUP: The Play Group season has begun on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. For more info, call Julianne Rossi at 786-3744.

WHY NOT JOIN THE CHOIR??? Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening at 7:15 p.m. in the church. We would be happy to have you join us.

CROP WALK 2000 COMING OCTOBER 15TH: We need someone to be in charge. Call the Parish Office, 786-8105; it will make you feel good!

BOY SCOUTS AND CUB SCOUTS: The fall Bottle/Can Drive will be October 7th, with pick-up service available. Call Ed, 789-3587, or Bob, 786-0749.

## **Events At First Baptist Church In Agawam**

October 1st will be Rev. Barnes' last Sunday as Pastor of First Baptist Church. He will baptize new members and the Right Hand of Fellowship will be given to the new members as they are presented to the congregation.

Deacons will assist Rev. Barnes with the Communion Service. There will be a Litany of Closure to mark the end of Rev. Barnes' ministry with First Baptist Church.

Sunday morning will mark the beginning of the World Mission Offering and there will be a special presentation by the Missions Committee.

Following worship, there will be an opportunity to greet new members during the coffee and fellowship

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Then there will be Church School classes for all ages. Two opportunities for adult study are offered: the Bible class and the "All Ears" Christian music appreciation class during which members will hear and discuss several Christian musical pieces.

A dinner will be held in honor of Rev. Barnes at 5:00 as we recognize and reflect on his ministry at First Baptist Church.

Our youth meet each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. The Thursday evening Bible Study is held at the

Church office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and the office can be reached at 786-7300.

home of Dorothy Major at 7:00 p.m.

# Calendar From Faith Bible Church

Our monthly potluck dinner will be this Friday, September 29th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the church. Everyone is invited for a fun night of great food and greater fellowship. We are hoping to have our addition up for our next potluck dinner so there will be more room and a kitchen (so badly needed).

The first monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, October 7th, at 8:00 a.m. at the church, and will usually be held the first Saturday morning of every month unless notified of a change.

A weigh-down workshop is being started for 12 weeks at 627 State Street in Springfield at 7:00 p.m. every Thursday evening. The cost is \$103 and includes tapes/workbook and a video every week. This is a Bible-based program. For more information, call Joy Benevento at 733-0421.

# Art Auction By Catholic Women's Club

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will host an art auction of fine art to benefit the Catholic Women's Club Scholarship Fund on Saturday, October 14th. The auction will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Center, 833 Main Street, Agawam.

An art preview will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the auction starting at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments of wine punch, cheese and crackers, and cake and coffee will be served throughout the evening. Door prizes and a raffle will be available at the conclusion of the auction.

The cost of the tickets is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. For tickets and further ticket information, please call Mary Gontczaruk at (413) 786-0283.

# Catholic Women's Club To Hold Living Rosary

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold a Living Rosary on Monday, October 9th, at 7:30 p.m. After the service, a business meeting (with refreshments) will take place in the Parish Center.

For information on how you can participate in this special program, please contact Betsy Ciempa (chair-person of the event) at 786-5160.

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# Spotlight on Business

# **Responsive Trucking Relocates After** 15 Years Of Growth

by Kathy Shepard **Feature Editor** 

Over 100 people attended the open house held recently by Responsive Trucking at its new, modern facility at 339 Silver Street, Agawam.

Members of the public, customers, drivers, family, and friends enjoyed a champagne toast and a buffet, with hot dogs and hamburgs grilled by Fred Pajer of Pajer's Superette.

Tee-shirts, hats, and pens with the Responsive Trucking logo were generously given away to guests, who came to admire the new, immaculate facility. Responsive Trucking opened for business on March 15, 1985 by William Moccio, Sr., at 449 Silver Street. The elder William, president of the company, had been driving trucks for a company that went out of

At that time, Moccio recognized the need for intermodal transport (that which is transported by train), and the company has grown from the original two tractors to 50 that Responsive owns today. There are two divisions; the highway division, which uses sleeper tractors to make deliveries to different parts of the country, and the local division, which delivers all over New England

To illustrate what Responsive Trucking might do, a load of wire might come in from California on the railroad and be delivered to the railyard in West Springfield. Once the trailor is put on the ground, a truck from the local division of Responsive Trucking would hook up to it and deliver it to its destination somewhere in New England.

A job for the highway division of Responsive might involve driving a sleeper tractor to South Hadley to pick up and deliver a trailer to Cincinnati. William Moccio, Jr., vice president of Operations, told us, "We've gone as far as Texas, Canada, California, and Missouri. We are willing to go anywhere, although as yet, we have not gone to Mexico.

"We've carried loads of Tide to different warehouses and distribution centers. We can deliver almost everything. We do deliver to the Springfield Bulk Mail Center, we have delivered needles to hospitals, or we might bring nursery products, such as shrubs, to their destinations.

"The requests we receive are quite varied," he continued. "We recently brought beds and furniture from Chase Decor for new dorms at Syracuse University."

The move from 449 to 339 Silver Street has been in the planning stage for at least seven years. "Finding commercial land in town was challenging. We wanted to stay in Agawam because we have been here all our lives. It took a lot of meetings with town representatives and officials, but it's been worth it," said Moccio, Jr.

"We are here because of our employees. We have made our progress because of their hard work. We have 50 drivers and 70 employees in all. Many of them are family members," he added.

The founder, William Moccio, Sr., had the foresight and business acumen to recognize the need for trucking for intermodal transport. Son William, Jr., vice president of Operations at age 29, has worked at Responsive Trucking since his junior year in high school. He earned a degree in finance from Western New England College and is married to Kimberly Hodges Moccio, who works at Pratt and Whitney.

Brother-in-law Joe Herring takes care of the highway division. He and Cynthia Moccio Herring (Vice President) actually met while working at Responsive Trucking and now have a daughter, Stephanie Herring. Accounts receivable are handled by Andrea Moccio, wife of William, Sr. James Moccio, brother of William, Sr., is in charge of the computer section, and Lori Florence, niece of William, Sr., works in the billing department.

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STANDING AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE NEW FACILITY are Responsive Trucking family members William Moccio, Jr., William Moccio, Sr., Kimberly Hodges Moccio, Andrea Moccio, Cynthia (Moccio) Herring (holding baby Stephanie), and Joe Herring. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



RESPONSIVE TRUCKING HELD AN OPEN HOUSE RECENTLY to showcase their new facility at 339 Silver Street, Agawam. Over 100 people attended the celebration. Pictured in the new Operations Center are (from left) Joe Herring, Safety Officer; William Moccio, Sr., president and founder of Responsive Trucking with his granddaughter, Stephanie Herring, and wife, Andrea Moccio; dispatcher Richard Hebert; vice president Cynthia Herring; and William Moccio, Jr., vice president of operations. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.





#### Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances

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#### Make The Most Of Your Employee Bonus

Many Americans are finding bonuses to be an ever-increasing part of their compensation package at work. Making the most of such variable compensation, however, requires advanced planning and the discipline to stick to that plan.

The competitive global economy is the driving force behind employers' increasing reliance on bunuses as part of compensation. Employers must keep their costs and prices down to compete worldwide. Therefore, they rely on lower fixed salaries and the incentive of bonuses for high-performance employees.

What does this mean for you? Most likely, the days of a salary that increases regularly year after year are going away or are already gone. Instead, more likely to receive a base salary or wage that is augmented with variable programs such as employee stock ownership plans (ESOps), profit-sharing plans, periodic merit bonuses, holiday checks, and maybe a turkey for Thanksgiving.

Planning for less predictable pay. There are several ways to manage your finances around irregular income and to even take advantage of the situation.

Create a budget. A budget can help you plan for your regular income and that lump sum you receive as a bonus. After taking into account your salary and investment income, a budget can highlight places where you can cut spending to cover expenses,

increase your savings, and accommodate your uneven cash flow.

In addition to helping you balance your income and spending, your budget can help you time some major expenses for when your bonus is due. To avoid having to borrow for such goals, you might plan home improvements, a car purchase, a vacation, or other expenses for when you'll receive your incentive pay. Just make sure not to commit more money than you think you will reasonably receive in your bonus check.

Don't spend it all. Your bonus will no doubt come in handy for many things you want, but resist the temptation to spend it all. Your bonus creates an easy opportunity to save or invest a sizeable portion of your compensation in addition to what you have been able to save out of your monthly salary.

Before you invest your bonus, review your family's short- and long-term goals and consider how the money could provide progress toward them. Some items to consider include:

- \* Investing in your retirement buying an IRA
- \* Paying off debt
- \* Adding to a college tuition fund
- \* Creating an emergency fund
- \* Putting extra money toward the principal on your home mortgage

Plan for taxes. Your bonus compensation could put you into a different tax situation than you expect, so you'll want to plan for taxes carefully. For example, bonuses could put you into a higher tax bracket or, if taxes haven't been withheld, require you to make estimated tax payments. Your tax advisor can help you make adjustments for your situation.

Putting it all together. Your bonus may make a big difference in your financial picture now and in the future. To make the most of your success, consider reviewing your situation with a knowledgeable financial advisor and creating a plan that puts your bonus to work for you.



#### Motor Vehicle Negligence Collision - Tow Truck

The defendant, who was driving a tow truck, made a left turn in front of the plaintiff's car, allegedly causing the two vehicles to collide.

The plaintiff, a 23 year-old nursing student, was driving her car in the opposite direction at the time of the collision. She claimed she was traveling at or slightly below the posted speed limit of 40 mph.

The plaintiff had insufficient time to stop her car or to maneuver around the rear of the turning tow truck, she argued, leaving her no choice but to strike the truck's rear passenger side.

Following an emergency splenectomy, the plaintiff spent a week in intensive care and was left with a visible surgical scar approximately 12 inches long. The plaintiff's special damages were her medical bills; there were no substantial lost wages.

The defendants disputed liability on the grounds the plaintiff was speeding and could have avoided the collision.

The case settled for \$150,00.00.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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#### **Improvements That Sell**

Bedrooms and especially bathrooms play a major role in the sale of a home. Buyers want bedrooms with ample storage space and baths that are in overall good repair and are sparkling clean.

Your bedrooms and bathrooms may already be updated and well-maintained, but if not, there are a few simple steps you can take to appeal to prospective buyers. A fresh coat of paint and a thorough cleaning job may be all it takes to get your bedrooms and bathrooms market-ready.

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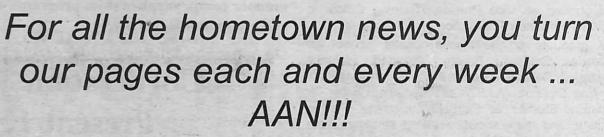
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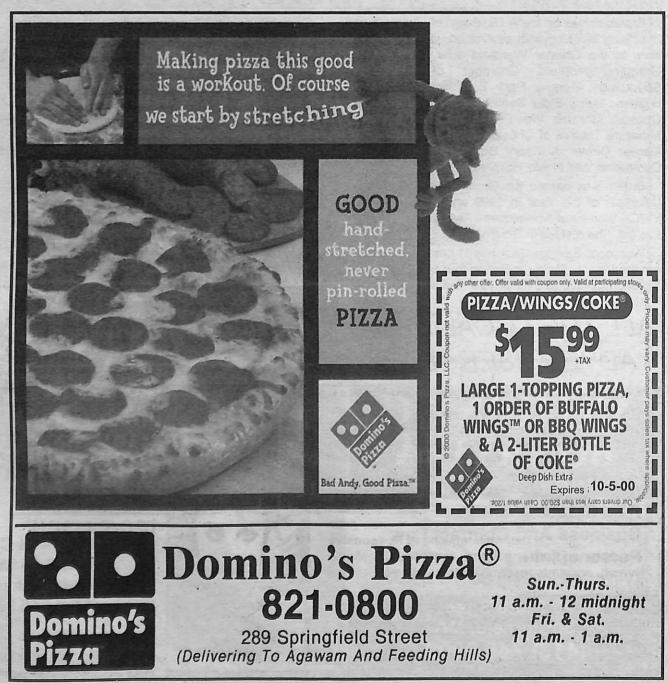
The company is very safety consious, sending someone from the office to various seminars put on by the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). "We get the employee certified and then they train other workers. An example is on loading docks safety," Moccio, Jr. said.

"It's amazing how many accidents you can prevent," Moccio said. "At the town's request, we put in an oil separator for drainage in case of any oil spills. We are happy to comply with such preventive suggestions."

The company's long-term goal is to duplicate the Silver Street operation with a similar office in the eastern part of the state, dealing with more Boston-based businesses.

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At Woronoco Savings ....

# Barbara H. Braem Appointed Exec. Dir. Of Foundation

The Board of Directors of Woronoco Savings Bank recently appointed Barbara H. Braem Executive Director of the Woronoco Savings Charitable Foundation, announced Cornelius D. Mahoney, President and CEO. Braem will continue in her current position as Vice President/Training Officer in addition to her new Foundation responsibilities.

A graduate of the Massachusetts School for Financial Studies, Braem attended Holyoke Community College, received an American Institute of Banking Diploma (A.I.B.), attended the Center for Financial Studies at Fairfield University, Pricing Institute, and many industry-related seminars. She joined the bank in 1956.

Braem serves on the A.I.B. Board of Directors and is actively involved with several non-profit organizations in the Greater Westfield area, including the Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce Sparkplugs, Amelia Park Executive Committee, Highland Valley Elder Services Money Management Council, Greater Westfield Boys & Girls Club, Miniature Theatre of Chester, Westfield High School Career Center Advisory Board, Community Ball Committee, and Noble Hospital.

Braem was named the Greater Westfield Citizen Volunteer of the Year in 1999 and will receive the YWCA Women of Achievement Award at a ceremony this fall. She resides in Southwick.

Woronoco Savings Bank has 11 branches throughout the Pioneer Valley, including four branches in Big Y Supermarkets, and employs a staff of approximately 175 people.

#### ALL THE LOCAL NEWS ADVERTISER NEWS



RICHARD HANCHETT (left) OF AGAWAM, Vice President, Westbank and Trust Co., West Springfield, was congratulated recently by Edward Borgatti, Jr.. owner, E.B's Restaurant, Agawam, a member of the Easter Seals state Board of Directors, when Hanchett was named Easter Seals Western Massachusetts Volunteer of the Year for 2000. Hanchett has been a volunteer for 10 years. In the last five years, he has raised over \$35,000 to support Easter Seal services for people with disabilities. Services include assistive technology, vocational rehabilitation, summer camp, adaptive swim programs, equipment loan, stroke support groups, amd physical and occupational therapy.

On Saturday, September 30th, At Agawam Cinemas...

# **Cornerstone Christian Stores To** Present Veggie Tales Video

Cornerstone Christian Stores has announced that Idea and Cornerstone Christian Stores. the Agawam premiere showing of ESTHER ... The Girl Who Became Queen, the newest release from Big Idea's popular VeggieTales video series, will take place at the Agawam Family Cinemas at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 30th. This premiere viewing is open to the public, and tickets for the event can be purchased at Cornerstone Christian Stores for \$2 (purchase must be before September 30th) or at the theater the day of the event for \$3.

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VeggieTales are the creation of Big Idea Productions, a family media company committed to providing wildly entertaining stories that help parents teach children important life lessons.

The much-adored children's property was one of 1999's top four best-selling direct-to-video series and has sold 18 million videos in its short history.

Since the release in 1993 of Where's God When I'm Scared?, Big Idea has led the children's entertainment industry in the creation of values-based stories. Using award-winning computer animation and an innovative approach to storytelling, Big Idea creates products filled with wacky humor, infectious music, and lovable characters that entertain and educate. These stories are effective (and fun!) tools for teach-Veggie fans at the premiere showing of Esther. The ing today's kids timeless values from the Bible: premiere is part of a VeggieTales Spectacular, with Sunday morning values, Saturday morning fun ...

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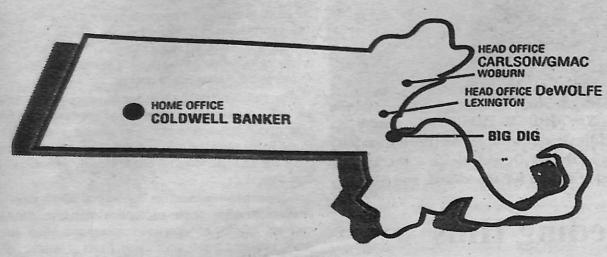
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VICE PRESIDENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AT AT MERCY HOSPITAL, James A. Lomastro, PH.D. (second from left) presented Feeding Hills resident Bob James (third from left) the Weldon Ambassador Award. Pictured with James is Denise Demick (left), a therapeutic recreational therapist at Mercy Hospital, who nominated James for the award, and his wife, Ruth.

# **Bob James Of Feeding Hills Receives Ambassador Award**

The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Health Services James A. Lomastro, Ph.D. Hospital in Springfield presented a Weldon Ambassador Award to Bob James of Feeding Hills at ceremonies on Monday, Sept. 11th in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital. The Award honors people who, through their courage, determination, and spirit, have become an inspiration to everyone.

Bob arrived in Weldon Rehabilitation with limited movement in his right arm and requiring assistance to stand and walk. A severe stroke had taken him from his beloved game of golf. Described as one of the hardest working patients Weldon has ever known, he took just five months to return to the course and can once again hit the ball 200 yards. One of the therapies he used to rehabilitate his right arm was learning to operate a computer, something he had never done before. He continues to use that new skill today, communicating with other patients via e-mail, giving them encouragement, hope, and support.

The award was presented by Vice President of Maine to Florida.

Presented for the first time in 1996, the Weldon Ambassador Awards have now recognized 29 individuals or groups, including the Weldon Wheelers Wheelchair Basketball Team.

Those who receive the Award have their names added to a plaque located at the entrance to the

The awards were presented in conjunction with National Rehabilitation Week.

Mercy Hospital is a member of the Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS). The SPHS' member organizations provide hospital and ambulatory care, rehabilitation, behavioral health services, nursing home care, retirement living, employee health services, home care, and more.

The SPHS is a founding member of Catholic Health East, one of the nation's largest health care systems. Catholic Health East facilities serve communities from



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by Dr. Tami Nelson Chiropractic Physician Hampden County Chiropractic 850 Springfield St. Feeding Hills 786-4820

#### Tidbits Of Health Information...

In reading one of my chiropractic journals, I came across some interesting tidbits of information. New studies are always being conducted, sometimes contradicting previous studies. It's good to read these new studies with an open mind and not believe wholeheartedly everything right away.

Studies need to be performed over and over before the information is found to be true. Many times, the media will report an initial study and, suddenly, that study is ingrained in the public's mind; only later is it found to be inaccurate or untrue.

The following tidbits of information are recent studies to be taken with a grain of salt (perhaps not salt; how about potassium chloride? Hold it, I recollect a study finding this substitute is not the best either, perhaps lite salt, although there are many chemicals in that also...)

Japanese researchers report that virgin olive oil appears to offer some protection from the cancercausing effects of ultraviolet radiation. Mice were given sunlamp treatments three times a week. After treatment, some were covered with olive oil, some not. Those not covered with olive oil began to develop skin tumors.

Mice coated with virgin olive oil took six weeks longer to show tumor growth, and the tumors were smaller and fewer. Researchers assume the benefit is due to antioxidants in the oil.

- \* The Glaucoma Foundation reports that regular exercise can help manage glaucoma. Regular aerobic exercise helps to reduce intraocular pressure.
- \* A British study of arthritis sufferers concludes that the stinging nettle plant greatly reduces pain and stiffness in arthritic joints. Volunteers rubbed the joint once a day with the plant.

After one week of treatment, significant improvement was found. The reaction to the plant (wheals or welts) were acceptable side effects to the patients.

Smoking is a major cause of tooth loss. Smokers are affected by gum disease four times as often as non-smokers. It is thought that smoking decreases blood flow and nutrition to the gum tissues, as well as lowering resistance to bacteria growth. Another good reason to quit!

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Highlights of the Fair offer free screenings that include: bone density (osteo-

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Dr James Solomon, Board Certified Dermatologist with Ph.D. in Immunology will present

"Evaluation and Management of Treatment Resistant Disorders" on October 4th, 2000 at Mercy Hospital, Deliso Center, Medical Staff Room Mercy Hospital, 271 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104

This Program has been reviewed and is acceptable for 2 Prescribed hours by the American Association of Family Physicians. Approved for 2.4 contact hours by the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, 2 contact hours by the Americal Association of Respiratory Care, and 2 continuing education units by the Division of Registration in Pharmacy

Dr. Solomon has worked to develop new techniques and clinical immunological treatments for malignancies, including melanoma and cutaneous T Cell lymphoma. He has focused on developing testing and methods of clinical evaluiation and management for patients with treatment resistant disorders, such as allergic asthma, psoriasis, generalized dermatitis, chronic urticaria, and similar disorders. He applies these techniques to treatment of (UV) aging, acne, rosacea, cellulite, acne scarring, spider veins of face and legs, and other conditions.

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#### Olympic Athletes Have A Secret Weapon...

As our nation's Olympic athletes strive for gold in Sydney, Australia, many of them will be using a secret weapon to help achieve their goals - chiropractic. Many athletes use chiropractic care not only for rehabilitation purposes, but also because they feel it gives them an edge in their competitions.

Dr. Andrew Klein, the official chiropractor for the 2000 U.S. Olympic medical staff, identified a key reason why athletes have taken to chiropractic: it keeps them in top shape ... without the use of drugs. "Athletes have come to rely on manual therapy because the list of banned substances (for the Olympics) is so long, and also because they feel it enhances their performance." In addition to Dr. Klein, Dr. Timothy Ray will be working with other Olympic athletes in Sydney.

Nicole Freedman of Stanford, California, qualified for the 2000 U.S. Olympic squad as a cyclist at the Olympic Team trials in Jackson, Mississippi. After being treated by Mississippi chiropractor Dr. Alfred Norville, Freedman penned a note to Dr. Norville, thanking him for his "winning adjustment."

So many athletes understand the value of chiropractic care as a means to improve the way they live and the way they compete. Marla Runyan, a track and field star and participant in the 2000 Olympic Games from Eugene, Oregon, credits chiropractic care with much of her success. She is a remarkable story of success, overcoming a visual impairment to reach the top of her sport. And Mary Beth Larsen, a student at Logan College of Chiropractic, will compete for the United States in the modern pentathlon.

Dr. Jan Corwin, a past president of the American

# Dr. Xavier Amador To Be Guest Speaker At NAMI

On October 10th, the National Association for the Mentally III of Western Mass. will have as a guest speaker, Dr. Xavier Amador. He has written a book called, "I Am Not Sick, I Don't Need Help."

Dr. Xavier has been an on-air contributor to the Today Show for nearly two years. He was a defense expert in the Unabomber case. One of the reasons he wrote the book was because of his friendship with David Kaczynski, Ted's brother.

He has and continues to work with Atty. Anna-Lisa Johnsson, whose mother believed she was married to David Letterman.

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# **Consultant Speaks To Staff At Country Estates**



DEBORAH HOLLINGSWORTH (left) recently spoke at a meeting of case management workers and social workers at Country Estates on Suffield Street. Deborah is a licensed social worker and a geriatric resources consultant for Greater Springfield Senior Services where she supervises intake and referrals. Also in photo are Bette Trenholm, a full-life counselor for Genesis Eldercare; Karen Pekala, a clinical liaison for Country Estates; and Cheryl Humphrey, a nursing consultant. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Chiropractic Association's Council on Sports Injuries and Physical Fitness, became the first doctor of chiropractic to travel overseas with the U.S. Olympic Team in 1988, as he represented the chiropractic profession in Seoul, Korea. Dr. Corwin went on to say, "At least 50 to 75 percent of all the athletes I treated had prior chiropractic care and were very aware of the benefits of chiropractic to them as athletes." He suggested that chiropractic care "has been so successfully appreciated and received by the athletes because of all the chiropractors around the country who have been doing

such a great job with the athletes in their offices on a daily basis."

The roster of Olympic athletes who have benefited from chiropractic care is truly impressive. Star performers such as Carl Lewis, Greg Louganis, Willi Banks, Edwin Moses, and countless other greats from previous Olympics have taken advantage of chiropractic in order to get a leg up on their competition.

For further information, please contact the Schlaffer Chiropractic Office at 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam - 789-1369 or 789-1073.

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porosis), pulmonary (breathing/lung) function, blood sugar (checking for diabetes), blood pressure, child car seat safety, body fat analysis, posture evaluation, and first aid demonstrations.

There's also herbal remedy advice from Dr. Sharon MacMillan, Ob-Gyn at Medical West, on PMS and

menopause, as well as free massage from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, scarecrow and pumpkin making, fingercasts for the kids, bike safety, clowns, face-painting, balloon animals, fire trucks, snacks, and more.

For information about the Fair, please call Emily Lewis at 789-8045. Medical West Associates is a multi-specialty, private medical practice with locations in Agawam, Chicopee, Springfield, and Westfield.

# When the cost of family membership is you.

Read more about this in today's FOR YOUR HEALTH column.

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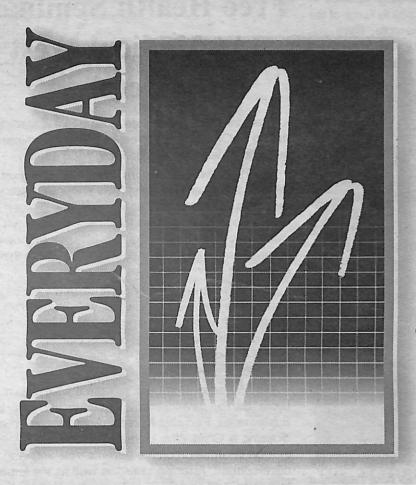




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#### Family Membership - Part I Of II

Is the cost of family membership your very "self"?

A popular credit card commercial speaks about the "privilege of membership." When you think about what it means for you to be a family member, what comes to mind? Or perhaps, more appropriately, what feelings are felt?

Some of you reading this column may describe family membership as a privilege, an honor, and a source of pride where respect, love, trust, affection, honesty, and communication (to name a few) abound.

Perhaps family (and your identification with it) did and still does provide a pleasing feeling. Memories and desire to be with family bring a smile to your face, knowing you are **free** to live life separately from them while remaining connected.

Like myself, many others of you reading this column would, at times, rather heatedly like to *cut the membership card into pieces*, leaving no evidence of that "privilege," where the cost of membership meant and may still mean <u>loss of self</u> - or never really gaining a "self" - for the good of the family system.

As I see it, the power of any family system, whether it be healthy or not, is formidable. The power of the family system lies in the fundamental tenet that it exists to survive. Survival has a cost. And, in many families, the cost is your "self."

Relationships are learned and passed down through the generations. Forfeiting an "individual sense of self" for the sake of the family is not uncommon. Often, this dynamic is achieved subtly and indi-

rectly, but at other times, adults directly attempt to "break" a child's individual sense of self in favor of the "collective (family) identity." For example, have you heard the statements, "You'll do it my way or no way!" or "If you're going to remain in this house, you will..."

I realize this notion of distinguishing between what is my individual and what is my family identity is both difficult to wrap your head around and somewhat controversial. Allow me to share a phrase a colleague created to shed light on describing this dynamic of how we come to know our families' sense of identity, which for most of us is our own sense of self-identity. He calls this knowing, your "familial scent."

The familial scent is knowing your identity **as if** you can smell or taste who <u>you are</u> while in the presence of your family system. You can smell (sense) your family identity whether you are literally in their presence or simply "feeling" their presence while being in relationship with another, even while being geographically distant from the family.

Some people have described this familial scent like the feeling when you literally shudder when hearing yourself say something you swore you'd never say because it reminds you of something unpleasant said to you by a parent or other adult when you were a kid. That shudder or feeling is the feeling of being back "home" - the familial scent.

We all have a family identity, and we are all given an individual identity as well. How these two are negotiated will, in large part, speak to how healthy a life we can live. Naming this "familial scent" can be a very important process toward forming your answer to: Is the cost of family membership your very "self"? More on this next week.

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# Free Health Seminars At Medical West In October

Medical West Associates in Agawam is starting the month of October with three free health seminars. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

On Tuesday, October 3rd, from 6:45-8:30 p.m., Dr. William Swanson, urologist, has some valuable information in his seminar, "For Men and the Women Who Care About Them." In his talk, Dr. Swanson will offer lifesaving, lifecycle information, relevant to men of all ages. Women are also encouraged to attend this program, and to bring the men in their lives!

On Wednesday, October 4th, from 6:45-8:30 p.m., Dr. Sharon MacMillan, Ob-Gyn, will discuss, "Healthy Mom-Healthy Baby," the importance of women to take care of their health before, during, and after pregnancy for her own good and for the good of her baby. Partners are welcome to attend, also.

On Thursday, October 5th, from 6:45-8:30 p.m., Dr. Lydia Sarro, developmental pediatrician, and Hilda Bustamante, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, will discuss "Raising a Child Who Loves to Read." Their talk will include information on the parents' role and language development, listening skills, as well as the impact of television and more.

Audience questions are encouraged at the seminars. All sessions are free and are located at Medical West Associates, 232 Main Street. Pre-registration is encouraged; please call Emily Lewis, 789-8045, to register or for information.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ...

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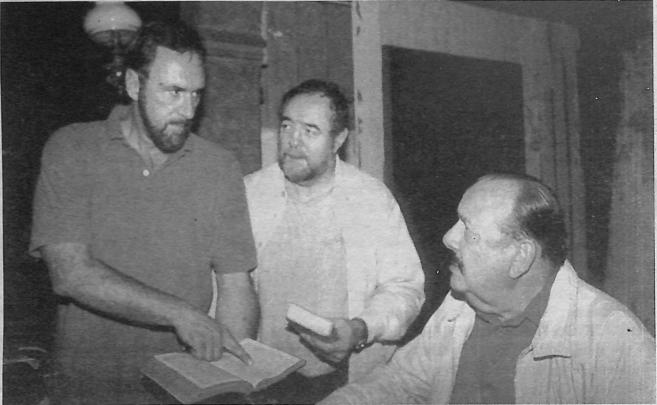
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# **Shooting Star Dance Hosts Guest Choreographer**





SHOOTING STAR DANCE CENTER IN AGAWAM hosted a special guest choreographer over the summer. Bobby Sepheus choreographed one of the senior danceteam's specialty numbers, which they performed at the Magic Kingdom in DisneyWorld. Sepheus and co-director Lynn Hadden-Quinn danced together years ago. Sepheus is now dancing on various major cruise lines around the world. IN LEFT PHOTO: Shooting Star Dance Center co-director Lynn Hadden-Quinn is seen with Bobby Sepheus. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Bobby Sepheus (center) is pictured with Shooting Star dancers (from left) Heather Fortier, Candace Flaherty, Jessica Roy, Brenda Hadden, Lynn Hadden-Quinn (co-director), Karen Hadden, Patrick LaFleur, and Erinn Gormley. Missing: Michelle Cote.

Beginning "First Friday Series" 2000-2001...

# "The Three Baritones" To Perform Oct. 6th

The Agawam Cultural Council will present THE THREE BARITONES in concert on Friday, October 6th, at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is the first in a series of programs presented the first Friday of each month. The evening of musical entertainment will be given by Jerry Millette, Jim Denning, and Brad Shepard, accompanied by Frank Jackson (a well-known pianist and director).

The music varies from Broadway shows to classic tunes and operetta selections. The audience will also enjoy a touch of comedy, with the hilarious duet done by Jerry Millette and Brad Shepard - "Josephine, Please Don't Lean on the Bell." A non-musical skit reflecting the old Jack Webb television days will be done by Jerry & Cil Millette. The show closes with a rousing trilogy of Italian songs, much like "The Three Tenors" best finales.

Jim Denning has been a member of the Springfield Symphony Chorus and Tanglewood Chorus in the past. He has been a tenor soloist with many area churches, and is currently tenor soloist at the First Church, Congregational in Suffield.

Jerry Millette has performed leads in many local Gilbert and Sullivan shows, and has also been the baritone singer in local professional groups here and in Florida. Brad Shepard is a favorite DJ on WMAS FM, and has performed on stage in musicals and non-musicals (most recently in Bay Path's production of "Mack and Mabel").

Frank Jackson is well-known throughout the area for his musical talents and directing abilities. He has directed musicals for schools, colleges, and private groups throughout the area.

The program is free and is funded by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

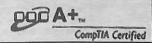
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# **ACC Grant Funds Are Now Available**

The Agawam Cultural Council (ACC) was recently notified of its allocation of state funding in the amount of \$17,575. Additional funds totaling \$4,260 were awarded as a result of matching funds tied to program fundraising.

The ACC, which is comprised of 12 local volunteers, will be responsible to re-grant the total this fall to area individuals and organizations who can demonstrate community benefit in the areas of the arts, humanities, or interpretive sciences. Past grant awards have been utilized to fund art exhibits, school

field trips, concerts, and a wide variety of other programs.

An informational meeting will be held on Monday, October 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. at the town library. Persons interested in volunteering are also encouraged to attend

Grant applications can be obtained at the town library or town hall or at <a href="https://www.massculturalcouncil.org">www.massculturalcouncil.org</a> and must be postmarked by October 16, 2000.

Additional information can also be obtained at the local organization's web site at <a href="https://www.agawamcc.org">www.agawamcc.org</a>.

## Residents Invited On Trip To Costa Rica

Leave winter behind next February and come join us for a natural history tour of some of Costa Rica's most scenic attractions. Spend a week exploring tropical nature in this fascinating Central American country, which has managed to preserve nearly 25 percent of its territory in parks and preserves. Learn about the delicate balance between human and biological communities in the tropics, and Costa Rica's efforts to protect its sea turtles and other wildlife. Explores volcanoes, beaches, and tropical forests, and help support a local sea turtle conservation project in Costa Rica by participating in this tour.

Trip leaders will be Bill Martin, a member of Agawam Congregational Church, and Tim Barrett, a former Woodstock, Vermont school superintendent. Barrett has been hosting adventure travel groups in Costa Rica for the last five years, and specializes in

group travel oriented towards education, ecology, and local culture.

Accommodations will be in standard hotels and lodges. A 30-passenger, air-conditioned bus will provide ground transportation. The trip will be limited to 22 participants. A portion of the trip proceeds will be donated to a sea turtle conservation project administered by Costa Rica's national park service (MINAE).

The all-inclusive price for this fully-escorted, eight-day program is \$1,549. The price includes round-trip airfare, hotels, ground transportation, all meals, park admissions, tours, and services of a bilingual tour leader. The tour departs Bradley International Airport on Saturday, February 24, 2001, and returns on Saturday, March 3rd.

For registration information, contact Bill Martin,

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# Six Flags New England Unveils Fantastic Fall Festivals

Shorter days and cooler nights signal the transformation of Six Flags New England into a celebration of fall festivals, fun, and frights for the whole family.

Beginning September 15, Six Flags New England welcomes its first fall season with its own version of Munich's Oktoberfest and launches a spooky Halloween spectular - Fright Fest - on October 6. "We are excited to continue to bring unique thrills and family fun to Western Mass this fall," said Tim Black, General Manager of Six Flags New England. "Octoberfest's spirited celebrations and FrightFest's spine-tingling attractions guarantee to satisfy thrillseekers of all ages."

Oktoberfest - On weekends through October 1, Six Flags New England transforms into a Bavarian landscape with a tribute to the world's largest festival held in Munich, Germany - Oktoberfest.

Strolling oompa bands fill the crisp, autumn air with traditional German tunes while dancers entertain guests. Park-goers will also enjoy a variety of tasty Bavarian treats - from plates of weinerschnitzel to steins of thick, German ale.

Fright Fest - During the weekends beginning October 6 through Halloween, Six Flags New England transforms itself, once again, when Fright Fest screams into town turning the Park into a Halloween playground with a host of activities that offer various degrees of fright from the delightfully tame to the takeyour-breath-away terrifying.

Those looking for more than a traditional haunted house will enjoy Brutal Planet, a fascination journey to the dark side featuring a unique mix of sci-fi, rock-nroll, specail effects, and horror and modern techno-

The terrorizing sensation transports guests to an entirely different world and takes them on an unforgettable tour. Featuring the Road Kill Cafe', Blood Sports Bar, Brutal Asylum, Mayhem Medical Clinic, and Massacre Motel, unsuspecting visitors become part of a chilling triple feature.

Brutal Planet will definitely satisfy New England's need to scream but it is not for the faint-of-heart and is not recommended for children under 10 years of age. A nominal fee will apply for entry to Brutal Planet.

In addition, chilling thrills will be found as guests walk through the Blair Witch-like haunted woods down the new Trail of Terror - quite the hair-raising experience for all who are brave enough to enter. And Houdini's Ghost Town, featuring Houdini - The Great Escape, a wonderfully themed dark ride designed with

Six Flags New England offers a kinder, gentler Fright Fest for the little tykes complete with a Hay Maze, painting in the Pumpkin Patch, decorating cookies, and designing masks. The little guests can also parade in their Halloween costumes with the famous Looney Tunes: Bugs Bunny, Tweety, Taz, and friends... through the Trick-or-Treat Trail, which is stocked with treats sure to satisfy every little 'ghoul' and boy.

Special Halloween shows like the Monster Mash offer great entertainment for the whole family.

Oktoberfest - opens September 15 through October 1 every Friday at 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Saturday at 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fright Fest opens October 6th through October 31 every Friday 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; as well as Columbus Day - Monday, October 9th from 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Monday, October 30 and Halloween Night - Tuesday, October 31 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Admission to Six Flags New England is \$36.99, adults; \$18.49, children (those under 36 inches tall are free).

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# Ag. Community **Artists To Meet** On October 2nd

The Agawam Community Artists are pleased to present Elizabeth Solley Caine, who will do an oil demonstration from a live model.

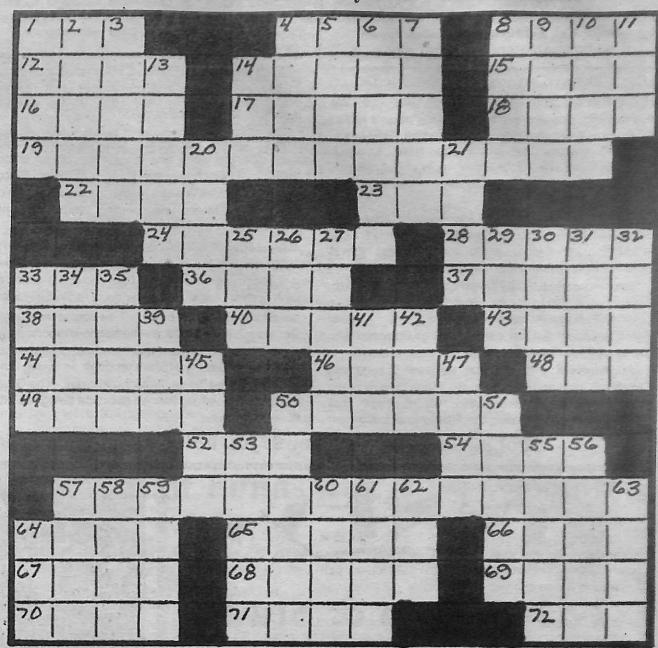
Ms. Solley Caine holds a master's degree in fine arts from the Pratt Institute.

The meeting will be held on Monday, October 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam.

Meetings and demonstrations of the Agawam Community Artists (under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural council) are open to the public. \*\*\*\*

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# Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



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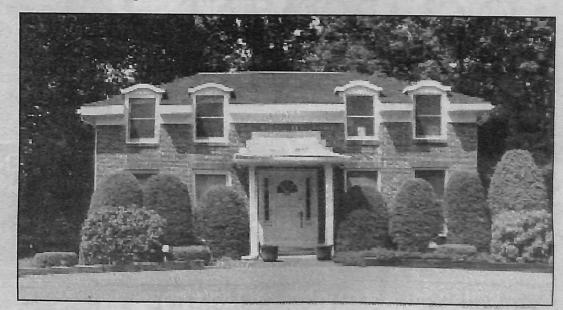
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# "The Food Dude"

by John Walters WHYN AM 560



#### What's At Stake With "Steak"...

When we go to the grocery store to do our weekly shopping, one item that we choose is meat. I have listened to folks who will purchase a bottom round and have half of the meat cut into steaks. This is certainly a bargain way to buy meat. Now, ask yourself ... is it really a bargain? I don't think so.

If price is your concern, then shop at a store that will sell you the cuts at a better price because of a lower overhead, such as 90 Meat Outlet on Avocado Street in Springfield. Big markets like Big Y World Class Markets can offer you specialty meats like certified black Angus. In Northampton, you can shop at Table and Vine and buy real prime beef. This will come at a premium, but it's worth it.

These are the grades that you are purchasing. At the bulk stores, you will get choice and selection. Prime is sold only at a specialty store like Table and

When you buy choice, you may be buying choice cow and not choice steer; the difference is in the marbling and the tenderness. The cut of the steak has a lot to do with tenderness and flavor. When you buy certified Angus, you are getting steer, not cow.

Beef might be beef, but there is a taste difference. In the south and west, a brand called Silver Tip is a high quality beef.

That being said, let's talk about the different cuts. Everybody has heard of sirloin. If it's from steer and choice, this is a pretty good steak. Grilled or panseared is a nice choice.

New York strip: take away the tenderloin section and the bone from a t-bone, and you have New York strip. Grilling is a good choice.

T-bone and Porterhouse: the difference is the Porterhouse has a portion of the tenderloin still attached, and the tail section is left on.

Filet mignon is the tenderloin, the most tender of the steaks. Grilled or pan-broiled until medium brown, it's one of the best.

My personal favorite is boneless rib eye because it is more tender and has more flavor than the rest. Grill and serve with a garlic sauce. Mmmmh, I could eat that more than any other meal!

Chuck has a lot of flavor. It needs slow cooking or to be cooked rare to be tender, but it has a lot of flavor. Ask your butcher for chuck eye steaks. When marinated and cooked on the grill, they are wonderful.

Flank steaks (if cooked properly) are very tasty. Most people overcook their meat until it is dry and chewy. Less tender cuts use marinates. The easiest marinates are salad dressings.

Braising is a method of slow cooking that will produce tender meats. Braising is slow cooking with liquid; adding water to some bouillon is a good way to start learning how to braise. Then you can try infusing the meat with extra flavors and seasonings.

Be sure to try any of this week's suggestions and, rest assured, more tips will be on their way. Visit my website, www.foodduderadio.com, for recipes and much more. Remember, it is not what you're eating or drinking - it's whom you're with.

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# **Agawam Cultural Council Offers** Trip To New York City, Nov. 18th

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Tickets may be obtained by sending a check made

a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Agawam Cultural Council, 933 River Road, Agawam, MA 01001. The cost of the trip will be \$21.

For further information, call 786-1859.

# Ag. Cultural Council's **Program Listings For** "First Friday" Series

\* October 6th, 7:30 P.M. - Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, Agawam.

THE THREE BARITONES: Jim Denning, Jerry Millette, and Brad Shepard (along with accompanist Frank Jackson) will perform selections from opera and show tunes with a touch of comedy.

November 3rd, 7:30 P.M. - Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam.

THE ENCORE CABARET: Featuring the Memory Lane Chorus of the Agawam Senior Center.

\* December 1st, 7:30 P.M. - Captain Charles I Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

HATS OFF TO AMERICANA: Music and vaudeville act presented by Carol Pedigree.

February 2nd, 7:30 P.M. - Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

THE MOUNT TOM RANGE: Robert Schobe, I historian and lecturer, will provide a historical tour I of people, places, and things with pictures.

March 2nd, 7:30 P.M. - Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

MICHAEL WHITE, AUTHOR: Novelist and short story writer.

\* April 6th, 7:30 P.M. - Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, Agawam.

DUSTI DEFRESNE, VOCALIST: Oldies, rock and roll, and country songs.

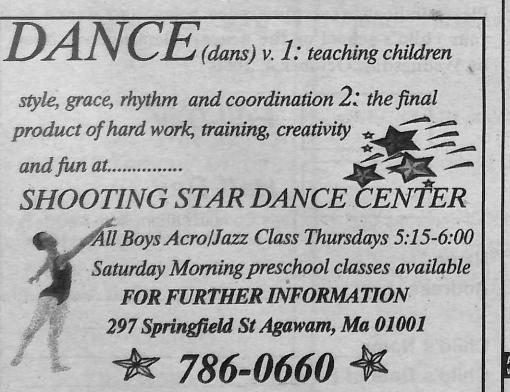
May 4th, 7:30 P.M. - Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, Agawam.

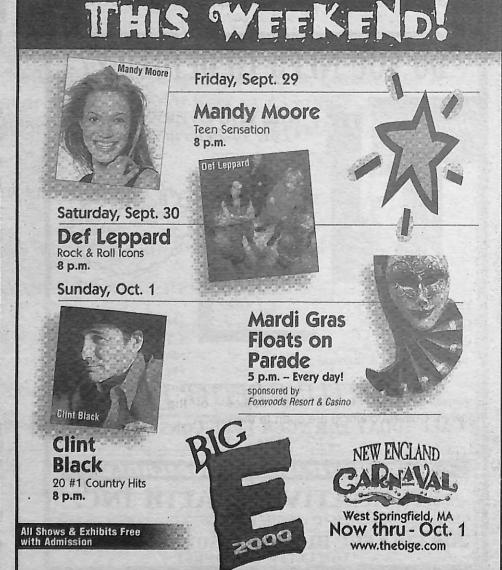
IN CONCERT - OLD POST ROAD ORCHES-TRA: Musical selections from both classical and I popular traditions.

Members of the Agawam Cultural Council: Barbara Cohen, Thelma Coughlin, Darcy Davis, Sylvia Deliso, Edward Filkoski, Michael Grandfield, Virginia Heyl, Donna Kennedy, Ritchie Mitnick, Howard Safford, Florida Tangocci, and Carlo Zingarelli.

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# Bambi Nursery School Hosts "Mother Goose"

"Old Mother Goose, when she wanted to wander... She rides through the sky on her Goosey - Goosey Gander."

Mother Goose, the well-known storyteller, delighted the imaginary world of children, ages three through seven, with a program consisting of approximately one hour and 15 minutes recently at the Bambi Nursery School of Agawam.

She has been well received at many daycares, preschools, and kindergartens, as well as private birthdays and children's parties.

Her presentation includes Mother Goose's Melodies, and interactive participation of the children, using hand-help props and partial costuming. Mother Goose returns the children to an era of old world tradition with her jingles and songs, while assisting the children in pretend play and bringing to life more than 25 of the most "Popular Rhymes and Nursery Tales."

Mother Goose also performed simple magic, one of which included the baking of treats with each child receiving a small magical treat.

Mother Goose, with Bertrand Goose, arrived in proper attire from Gooseberry Lane (the same town as Old King Cole) and played to the imagination of the children.

Monica Bleasius, a children's entertainer and resident of East Longmeadow, also transforms herself into "Tomasina the Good Witch" and "Mother Nature," as well as the well-known mythical figure, recognized to all, Mrs. Claus.



MOTHER GOOSE PAID A VISIT to Bambi Nursery School on Vernon Street, Agawam on Wednesday, September 19th. This was a special morning for the grandparents of Bambi students to visit the school. Nursery rhymes and refreshments made it a truly memorable occasion. Pictured with Mother Goose are (front row, from left) Jacob Galarza, Jacob Schreffler, Miranda Arena, Bruce Affilitoo, Alex Sheltra, and Tyler Dion. Back row - "Queen" Lauren Malone, "King" Nick Pugliano, and "Fiddler" Nathan Schreffler. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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# Agawam Public Schools 1305 Springfield Street Feeding Hills

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are generating this survey to assess the needs of our community with regard to full-day kindergarten classes. This survey is being distributed to the parents of current preschool and kindergarten age students. Please indicate your preference below and return to your child's school or the nearest elementary school by Wednesday, October 4, 2000.

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## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 2nd: Steamed frankfurt in roll, oven-baked beans, potato rounds w/catsup, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, October 3rd: Cheeseburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned mixed vegetables, midnight chocolate cake w/icing or fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, October 4th: Rotini w/meat sauce, tossed garden salad w/spinach greens and dressing, Italian bread and butter, chilled fruit cup or orange Jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, October 5th: Deli-sliced turkey sandwich w/mayonnaise, niblet corn, bag of nacho chips, fresh Mac apple, orange blossom cake w/icing, milk.

Friday, October 6th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven french fries w/catsup, chilled pineapple tidbits or chocolate pudding w/topping, milk.

### Agawam Boy Scout Completes Philmont Trek

Eric McLaughlin from Agawam Boy Scout Troop 82 has successfully completed a 67-mile trek at the Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico. Eric was part of an 11-member scout crew from Great Trails District who spent 14 days in the wild north country of New Mexico.

Boys and adults are required to vigorously train and condition themselves prior to attempting this strenuous expedition. Each crew member carried everything in their backpacks that they needed for the duration of the trek. All 67 miles wewre done on foot through some of the roughest terrain in New Mexico.

Eric and the entire crew hiked to the summit of Mount Baldy, 12,441 feet above sea level. The rations for the entire trip were made up of dehydrated foods. He happened to come within 25 feet of a black bear and six feet of a mule deer while hiking the trails.

Philmont Scout Reservation is a high adventure camp and is the ultimate challenge for any scout to test himself and demonstrate his skills. The entire 17-day excursion also included going over Pike's Peak, a visit to the Garden of the Gods, sleeping on an Indian Reservation, and white water rafting in Colorado.



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## IEP Informational Meeting At AHS On Tuesday, Oct. 3rd

Michael Ponti, Director of Special Services, has announced that the Agawam School District will offer an informational session to help provide you with a better understanding of IEP 2000. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 3rd, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Agawam High School cafeteria.

This training will offer an overview of the new document and an opportunity to discuss its components. We hope that you can attend this training session and look forward to working cooperatively on behalf of your children.

## Brittany Locke Receives Academic Award At Suf. Acad.

At Suffield Academy's annual Underclass Prize Day on September 21st, Brittany Locke of Agawam was among students honored for their accomplishments last year during the 1999-2000 school year.

She was the recipient of the Spanish II Prize.

Founded in 1833, Suffield Academy is an independent, coeducational college preparatory school in Suffield, Connecticut.

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Sandi at 789-2709 or Ken at 733-0867.

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## Six Agawam High **Grads Named AP Scholars**

The College Board, in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level AP Examinations, has named six students who graduated last June from Agawam High School AP Scholars. Only about 13 percent of the more than 700,000 students who took AP Examinations in May 2000 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

Students take AP Examinations in May after completing challenging college-level courses at their high school. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of year-long courses and exams (or their equivalent semester-long courses and exams) at Agawam.

One student qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. This student is Anthony Goodrow.

One student qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. This student is James Borowiec.

Four students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Brian Gilhooly, Adam Howe, Mary Manning, and Robert

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP Exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a year of credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. There are 33 AP Examinations offered in 19 subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free response (essay or problem-solving) questions.

In addition to these exceptional scholars, Agawam High is equally proud of four students who received the Stanley Z. Kaplik class of 2000 Certificate of Master Award: Anthony J. Goodrow, Scott R. Harris, Adam A. Howe, and Matthew J. Taylor. This award signifies excellence on the MCAS tests during their sophomore year. Adam Howe and Matthew Taylor also were awarded a full tuition waived to attend Massachusetts public colleges and universi-

## **Meeting Scheduled** For Sixth-Graders' Washington, D.C. Trip

It is now time to organize the fifth annual Washington, D.C. trip for all sixth-grade students. This trip is a five-day/four-night trip featuring a visit to the Statue of Liberty in New York, continuing to Washington, D.C. and then historic Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

This year's trip will run next spring from Monday, April 16th, through Friday, April 20th. (Sunday, April 15th, is Easter.) The approximate cost of the trip is \$415 per student, which includes transportation, lodging, 13 meals, tips, and tours.

An informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Middle School. All questions concerning the trip and fundraising will be addressed at that time. All parents, as well as potential six-grade travelers, are encouraged to attend.

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MEMBERS OF BOYS SCOUT TROOP 78 enjoy a meal during summer camp at Moses Scout Reservation in Russell. Scout Leader for the week was Sandy Crawford. IN PHOTO BELOW: Summer leader coordinators Bob Crawford, Cliff Hogan, and Scout Jeffrey Woodard can't wait to dig into a cake that was baked in a box oven.

## **Scout Troop 78 Begins New Season**

Boy Scout Troop 78 of the Springfield Turnverein in Agawam enjoyed a great summer program and is ready to begin its new season.

The Troop would like to thank former Scoutmaster Ray LaBorde for all his hard work and dedication to the Troop. Mr. LaBorde is going to stay involved in the Troop as an assistant scoutmaster.

Stepping in as new Scoutmaster is Mr. Robert Crawford. Also, Sue Bond has stepped down as treasurer and Sally Nay has taken over her position. The Troop thoroughly enjoyed their first campout of the new season, which was held at the Turnverein, Sept. 23rd-25th.

Meetings are held every Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street in Agawam. New members are always welcome. For information, contact Scoutmaster Bob Crawford at 732-3313 or stop by at a meeting.



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## What Part Of The Word "Study" Don't You Understand?

I just had a young man in my office and finally asked him the above question. It seems that he took a zero on a paper because he just didn't have the time to do it. Pondering this for a moment, incredulously I asked, "Why?" The response was that his parents insisted he go to watch his younger siblings play sports. "Really?" I continued in the same incredulous tone. Well, he finally came clean and told me that he wanted to go to the games, wanted to hang out with his friends, wanted ... it seems ... to do just about everything except STUDY!! Of course, I can understand that, but the consequences are not what I would choose. Now, we both got down to the nitty-gritty and started to discuss priorities and studying.

The word study just did not seem to be entrenched in his vocabulary; or, if it were, it was so hidden that one had to search through layers to find it. I informed him that whatever we do in life, we really have to practice in order to perfect it. We talked about the ongoing Olympics and I pointed out how assiduously the athletes had to work at perfecting their skills and then to keep trying to improve them even further. Actually, I informed him, they practice for hours at a time in order to compete for just a few minutes. "They," I told him, "have the desire to achieve, the desire to win, and that's what you must develop in order to be a successful student ... a student who studies." I mean, it's true; if you have no desire to succeed, then why on earth would you put in time to accomplish success?

From our conversation, I found out that Joe wants to become an accountant. I took out some books in my office and went on the computer in order to show him the education that is needed to fulfill his dream. Now, he began to see the light ... he needed good grades to get into a good college; and, in order to succeed scholastically, he would have to study.

Okay ... so what does one have to do in order to study? I laid out a plan for him. I told him that he needs a place with a desk, a chair, good light, and relative quiet. He must use this place each time he studies. This place will spell "study" for him. Also, he should set aside the same time of day in order to do his studying. Sometimes, he will have to juggle the time, but most of the time he should keep to his schedule and (in this way) time for studying will become a habit.

During school, he should have a notebook in which he lists all his homework assignments. Then, he can cross out assignments as they are completed.

Now, how should he study? I suggested to him that he should tackle his difficult subjects first while his mind is still fresh. For most youngsters, find they should get up and move about after one hour; otherwise, they will get antsy and "brain drain" will set in. He should review his notes, using a highlighter for important facts. He should review his book, doing active reading. In other words, he should ask himself questions about the topic as he reads. Turn around the headings and make them into questions. Can he answer them? If he is confused, he should call a friend and/or make sure he writes down his concerns and shares them with the teacher in the morning. I continued by telling him not to let himself get bogged down. He should study each night and should always spend a few minutes reviewing before he goes on to something new. If he seeks help the next day and is still confused, he should set up a time to talk further with the teacher, perhaps study with a friend, and/or seek out someone to tutor him. It is important not to get discouraged, but to keep plowing ahead!

With new vocabulary words in any subject, I strongly suggested that he make flash cards, join them together with a ring, and then keep reviewing them. Many times, a youngster will learn something for the moment, feel he has mastered it for the test, and then promptly forget it when the test is over. Therefore, by reviewing, he is reinforcing the material and really embedding it in his mind. I suggested, too, that he recite things aloud so that his sense of hearing will be involved, too. Many times it helps for a parent to review with him. The parent can leaf through the book

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and ask questions; he can quiz his child on vocabulary.

When he receives quizzes that he has taken, he should review his mistakes so he will not make the mistakes the next time. He should keep all his quizzes and tests in a notebook and use them to review for his midterm and final exams.

From our meeting, Joe learned that studying is not an easy process, but it can be learned and done effectively; and, when it is, understanding ensues and grades soar. Self-esteem rises, too. Hopefully, asking Joe the question, "What part of the word 'study' don't you understand?" now will be an inappropriate question, since he will have learned how to study. With his interest in learning, his parents' involvement, his friends' help, and his teachers' input, Joe should be able to reach his potential and make his appropriate dreams into realities.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2000 at 7:00 PM, for all parties interested in the appeal of Fontaine Properties which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-88 of the Zoning Ordinance, which would allow for the construction of a sign at the premises identified as: 42 River Road.

Doreen Prouty Acting Chairperson

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## Guidance Bulletin From Agawam High School

<u>COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES</u>: If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

October 2nd: Bay Path College, 8:30; Mass. College of Liberal Arts, 9:30; U.Mass. Amherst, 10:30

October 3rd: Mitchell College, 9:00; Thomas College, 1:00

October 5th: College of St. Rose, 8:30; University of Rhode Island, 9:30; St. Joseph College, 10:15.

October 10th: AIC, 9:30; Holyoke Community College, 10:00.

October 11th: Western New England College, 8:00; Russell Sage College, 9:00; Westfield State College, 10:00; Roger Williams Univ., 1:00.

<u>SCHOLARSHIPS</u>: See your counselor if you need more information or an application.

<u>Big Y Scholarships</u>: Over 200 scholarships totaling more than \$150,000 will be awarded to customers and employees of Big Y. Deadline: February 1, 2001.

Ron Brown Scholarship Program: Open to African-American students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential, and financial need. Deadline: January 9, 2001.

Boston University Trustee Scholars Program: Open to highly qualified students who plan to enroll at Boston University. See your counselor before October 15th if you are interested.

<u>Ursinus College Scholarships</u>: Open to qualified students who plan to attend Ursinus.

**OPEN HOUSES:** The following colleges are hosting open houses. See your counselor for more information.

Hampshire College: October 14th or November 13th.

Northwood University: October 25th.

Albertus Magnus College: October 21st.

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Western New England College: October 15th, October 28th, November 12th, December 3rd.

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## James Clark School's PTO News & Notes

School has been in session only three weeks, but it's been a busy three weeks. The PTO had its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 12th to introduce the 2000-2001 board, review the budget, and discuss plans for the upcoming year.

The TV/VCR/Wallmount project is close to being complete; only six-seven tv/vcr's needed and and 10 wallmounts.

School pictures were taken Wednesday, September 20th and will arrive in four to five weeks. Retake day will be at the end of October. The fall fundraiser (Cherrydale Farms) has been distributed and orders should be returned by October 4th. (Remember, this is where our funds come from - the field trip/in-class program budget alone is over \$6,000.)

The Book Fair is planned for the week of October 23rd-27th, including one evening. Reminders of the "free" programs will be going out, including BoxTops, A+ America, and Campbells. Bargain Books will be sent out mid-November and school T-shirts are being looked into.

The Student Council will be holding their first popcorn sale on October 31st. Coats for Kids is in progress now with a drop-off box near the office. Plans need to be started for our Family Holiday Night in December if anyone is interested in coordinating. The PTO and library are continuing the Library Birthday Book program. How about an Election Day bake sale? It's still not too late to return your Pride Lists.

Our next PTO meeting is Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the library/media center.

# Cubscout Pack 77 Still Accepting New Sign-Ups

Cubscout Pack 77 is still accepting sign-ups for boys in grades one through five. See us in action at our October 4th Pack meeting at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Hall. New scouts will be introduced, awards given, and a skit or two, along with upcoming announcements (announcements, announcements, announcements - when you're up you're up, and when you're down, but when you're only...)

Saturday, October 7th from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. is our fall can/bottle drive and car wash. Our popcorn sale is going on now. Please contact your den leader if you do not have information on these two fundraisers. This is what pays for awards, cabin rentals, etc., so let's have 100% participation.

Pack 77 will be hosting the Pumpkin Patch at Six Flags on Sunday, October 22nd and the Trick or Treat Village on Friday, October 27th (sign-up sheets at the Oct. 4th pack meeting).

We will be camping at Moses from Oct. 13th-15th for our fall camping. And our October Pumpkin Pack Meeting will be Saturday, October 28th with games, treats, and a pumpkin derby.

If you have any questions about the pack, please call Kathy (789-1377) or Ed (789-3587). If you would like to donate your redeemable cans/bottles, please call Cathy (786-5103) for pick-up arrangements.

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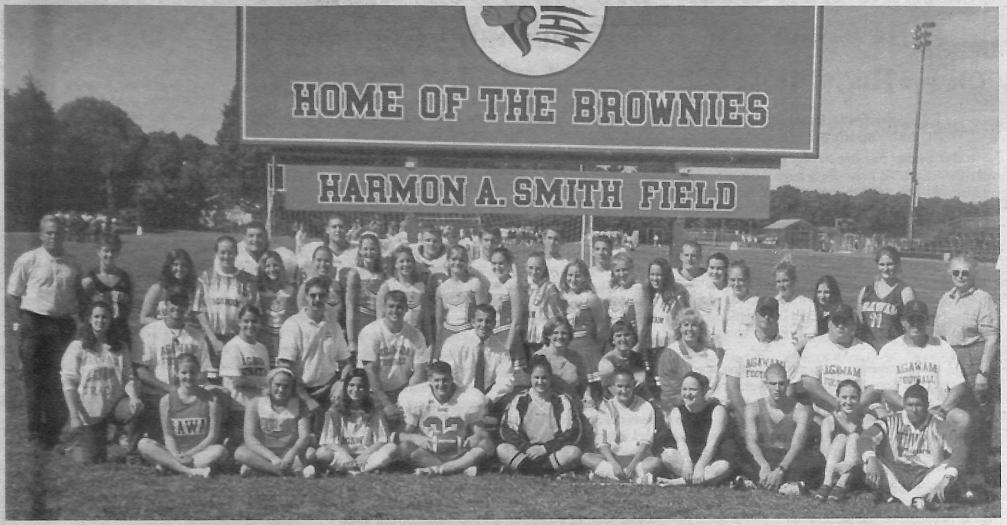
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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Athletic Director Louis Conte (far left) and the coaches and captains of the Brownies' fall 2000 sports teams under the new sign bearing the name "Harmon A. Smith Field" at the stadium field. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

## Agawam High School Stadium "Officially" Bears The Name "Harmon A. Smith Field"

The idea came from a group of "old schoolers" men who remember the proud football tradition of Agawam High School. And they vividly recall the exploits of the man who began it all back in the 1920's - Harmon A. Smith.

A group of these old-timers collared Associate Superintenent of Schools Donald Charest at a social gathering late last spring about why the name "Harmon A. Smith Field" was missing from the football stadium at AHS.

It was pointed out to Charest, himself a 1963 graduate of AHS, that while it was true the entire athletic complex at AHS was named in Harmon A. Smith's honor, nowhere did the name "Harmon A. Smith" appear at the stadium field where it certainly belonged, according to this group of greybeards.

Charest said he was taken aback by the com-

He responded (while backing up all the time, he laughed) that a wrought iron overhang bearing the name "Harmon A. Smith Field" could be plainly seen when people were entering the athletic field via the main parking lot by the tennis courts, and it had been up there for years.

It didn't wash, and Charest knew it. He grew up in Agawam during the latter part of the glory years of AHS football, which extended from the mid-1920's all the way to 1966, the school's last Western Mass. championship season.

In the wake of this, Charest understood what was being said and got the ball rolling.

Charest then called then-Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney about the situation and the rest is histo-

In early August, under the huge sign delegating the stadium as the "Home of the Brownies" (by the scoreboard), McSweeney authorized the production of another sign emblazoned in orange and brown reading "Harmon A. Smith Field."

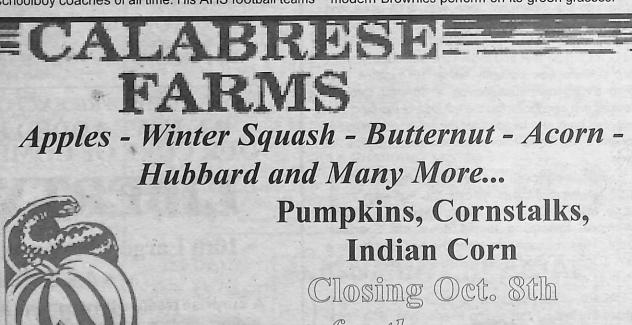
Money for the project came from the Annual Berkshire Power Golf Tournament, which benefits the AHS Athletic Department each year, according to Charest.

"I will never forget Harmon Smith," said Charest. "Although he was no longer the football coach when I was at the High School, he was still very active in the community. He was like a walking legend. He was such a revered person. And I know how many of the old-timers in town still feel about him. He was one of those unforgettable characters that played such a vital role in what the Town of Agawam was all about in those days. He had such an impact on so many lives over the years."

Harmon Smith, of course, is a member of the Massachusetts High School Coaches Hall of Fame and, to this day, is considered one of the greatest schoolboy coaches of all time. His AHS football teams were indeed a dynasty, running a string from the mid-1920's that continued when his successor, the late Harry Leonardi, assumed the mantle in the 1950's.

It was under Leonardi's leadership where Brownie football reached its last famous pinnacle - the famous 26-game undefeated string that climaxed with the 1966 Western Mass. championship.

Like "Szot Park" in Chicopee, "Clarke Field" in West Springfield, and "McKenzie Stadium" in Holyoke, the stadium field at the High School will bear the name of a man who continues to be remembered with great nostalgia each and every time one of his former players or townspeople who lived in that era watch the modern Brownies perform on its green grasses.



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### AHS Boys' Soccer Team Ties One, Loses One...

## Lifts Spartans Over Brownies, 1-0

#### by Dave Rollins **Sports Editor**

It was another day, another big game, and another chance for the Agawam High boys' soccer team to gauge just how far it's come this season this past Monday (September 25th).

The opponent was another Western Mass powerhouse - East Longmeadow.

They played the game at the Spartans' place and the Brownies (relying mostly on their defense) made one mistake - coming away on the short side of a 1-0 score. It might be noted that East Longmeadow, also relying on defense, produced its fourth shutout in a

ELM, which features a crisp passing game, started out fast in this one. They had a breakaway with six minutes gone. A good tackle by junior sweeper Mike Crough ended the threat. Agawam keeper, senior John DeCaro, followed that up with a nice save on a left-point shot at the 29:40 mark. The Spartans, not shy when it comes to shooting, launched another bomb a minute later, which hit the left post. After 13 minutes had ticked off the clock, ELM clearly had the better of things.

With 15 minutes gone, Agawam found itself in the ELM zone behind a big effort led by John Sikes, Josh Dickman, and Mike DeCaro. But the Spartans' defense, marking well, wouldn't let the Brownie offense set anything up. The Agawam defense, also marking and tackling well, stood up to and beat back an ELM attack with 14:16 to play. The Brownies stormed back into the Spartans' zone. But once again, the host's "D" was just too tough and they gave the ball right back to the offense.

DeCaro, playing tough in goal as usual, had already made several nice saves when he was asked to do it again - on a dive to stop a hard shot (45 yards out) on the left point with 8:50 to go in the half. His effort was complimented by a good tackle courtesy of Mike Carmody on a semi breakaway with 6:54 left.

The half, highlighted by some fine defensive play on both sides, ended in double bagels. Agawam had one shot on goal. ELM checked in with four.

#### Strong Midfield Play By AHS...

Eric Serna, Mike DeCaro, and Sikes started off the second half with some strong midfield play. They drove into the Spartans' zone with 4:17 gone and secured a corner shot. ELM came away on the attack and managed a breakaway at 31:45. DeCaro came out of his net 50 feet and kicked the ball out of harm's way. DeCaro was severely tested 10 minutes later when a Brownie infraction on a Spartan throw-in resulted in a free kick from the left side of the box. The shot was hard and headed for the left-hand corner of DeCaro's net. The senior stretched and dove for the

Both teams picked up the pace after that. With 11:37 to play, ELM was all over the Agawam zone. Serna, Mike DeCaro, and Crough were also all over the place, attempting to put down the Spartans' threat. They managed to clear the ball, but it came back at them in short order in the form of a rush down the right wing by Brent Bousquet.

DeCaro came way out to meet him. Bousquet flipped the ball by the sliding keeper and, with some pace, it rolled towards the vacant Agawam goal. Greg Cizek was in hot pursuit and seemed about to run down the ball. However, midfielder Jeremy Lantaigne came out of nowhere, cut in front of Cizek, and jammed the ball home with 9:42 left to give ELM a score (which would eventually be the game-winner).

It was a tough loss for Agawam, which saw its record slip to 2-2-2. East Longmeadow rose to 4-1-2. Agawam had three second-half shots for a total of four. ELM had four and a total of eight.

## Second-Half Goal Brownies Deliver Superb Effort Against Minnechaug Regional In 2-2 Deadlock

by Dave Rollins **Sports Editor** 

It was gut-check time for the Agawam High boys' soccer team last Friday afternoon (September 22nd) at sunny Harmon Smith Field.

One of the tougher teams in the area, Minnechaug Regional (last year's Churchill-Moriarity Division champions), came calling. The Falcons were unbeaten at 4-0-2. What better way for the then 2-1-1 Brownies to gauge how far they'd come under new Coach Jon Cavallo than a good showing in this one.

Well, for a good part of the game, the Brownies seemed to show they'd come a long way, building up a 2-0 lead very early in the second half before settling

Agawam came out in an aggressive mode behind Matt Ligenza, John Sikes, and Eric Serna. When the ball was in the midfield area, Mike Crough and Dave Bienia dictated the play.

It was a defensive game for the most part in the early going, though. Witness the fact that with 16 minutes gone, Agawam had no shots on net and the Falcons could only manage one.

Agawam had a good chance with 16:58 left out of a melee in front of the Falcons' net. But the ball sailed over the crossbar. Twenty seconds later, a Brownie corner kick was cleared, only to be fed back in on some good hustle by Mike DeCaro and Sean Duvall. Serna, the talented junior center-midfielder, got the ball on his foot and hit a hustling striker, Aaron Gilbert, cutting 30 feet in front. The senior scored his second goal of the season to give Agawam a 1-0 lead.

Minnechaug had a great opportunity with 5:48 to go after attacking on the right wing. A header in the crease had the top of the net all clear. The ball hit the crossbar and deflected over it. A Minnechaug corner looked to be right on a minute later. Serna, playing some good defense, headed it out of harm's way.

The half ended 1-0, Agawam. They had one shot on goal. Minnechaug got off two.

The Brownies knew one goal probably wouldn't be enough to beat the Falcons. So, with 1:17 gone in the

second half, Ligenza (in the crease) took a pass from Gilbert out on the right wing and his soft shot (and third goal of the season) from 20 feet out put the hosts up, 2-0, culminating an excellent, two-man counterattack.

#### A Victory Was Not Guaranteed...

Unfortunately, the Brownies would discover that a 2-0 score didn't guarantee a victory, either. An Agawam mistake saw Minnechaug come up with its first score at the 35:04 mark. A lead pass from midfield found Falcon midfielder Jeff Kaveney unmarked on the left side of the Brownie box. The junior dribbled a few yards and launched a ground ball towards the lower right side of the Agawam net. Keeper John DeCaro dove for the save, but he was a hitch too late and the Agawam lead stood at 2-1. It was a ball DeCaro normally would have had. In defense of his keeper and stressing that no excuses were being made, Cavallo admitted that the senior is not 100 percent. "He hurt his right knee in our opening-game win over Central and has been slowed down ever since."

DeCaro was making the effort, however. With 13 minutes gone, he made a nice anticipation save on a shot headed for an open left corner of his net. And his defense on several occasions fought hard to clear the ball away before it got to him.

All the while, led by Mike Carmody, Greg Cizek, Bienia, and Crough, the defense was marking well all over the field, especially against the Falcons' All-Western Mass. forward, Andre Chapman, who was held under wraps all game long.

But good marking can't make up for bad luck. That reversal of fortune came with 11:12 to go. The ball was lofted into the air just across midfield in the Agawam zone. The closest man to it was wearing Minnechaug green. Than man was Kaveney. DeCaro came out 25 yards or so to meet the threat. Kaveney headed the bouncer past the Brownie keeper, and the ball had enough mustard on it to roll into the net, tying

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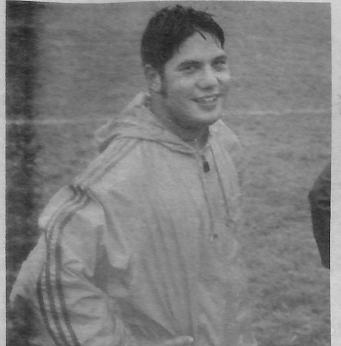
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JOSH DICKMAN, a midfielder for this year's boys' varsity soccer team at Agawam High. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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things at two.

Agawam still had its chances. With 7:30 left, a Brownie free kick saw Carmody's shot scream right at the Minnechaug net. But a nice save by keeper Lars-Eric Hedberg ended the threat.

Minnechaug had a chance to win it with 34 seconds left on a double break in Agawam's right box. The shot from 40 feet out was hard hit, right on and twisting towards the goalmouth. Bienia managed to get a piece of the ball, slowing it down. DeCaro slid in behind him to make the save, thus preserving the tie.

Agawam, which went to 2-1-2 (1-1-2 in the league) had four second-half shots for a game total of five. The Falcons, who went to 4-0-3 (3-0-1), managed five in the second and a total of seven.

Girls' Soccer Ties Central; "Watery" Comeback Falls Short Versus Lancers...

## **AHS Has Strong** 2nd Half In Loss To Longmeadow

by Dave Rollins **Sports Editor** 

After their one-all tie against Central last week, the Agawam High girls' soccer team felt maybe they'd turned the corner.

"Yeah, things just might be different now. Maybe that game will lead to some wins," Brownie Coach Laura Wray-Ramos said before Tuesday evening's game at Fab Five (number five) Longmeadow High. Well, it didn't happen, at least this time. The Brownies (0-6-1) fell 2-1 in a game soaked by rain.

The Lancers looked to be a team that could be beaten. They are having about the same type of season as Agawam, as their 1-3-1 record coming in seemed to indicate, although they remain ranked in Division I in these parts. They didn't play like their record, or maybe Agawam simply played up to theirs.

Longmeadow was on offense from the get-go. And the Brownies, led by senior fullback Amanda Merola, junior sweeper Amanda Blair, and junior stopper Desiree Marsili, settled in on defense.

After five minutes, Agawam managed to get the ball into the Lancer zone behind a good effort down the right wing led by midfielder Courtney Adamczyk, striker Kaitlin Sardella, and Jill Gendron. Adamczyk had a lane and shot from the right wing. It was on net

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## Gendron's Goal **Gives Brownies Tie** Vs Golden Eagles

by Dave Rollins **Sports Editor** 

The Agawam High girls' soccer team staggered into Central High's Berte Field last week, the not-soproud owners of five losses in their first five games.

So, it was no secret that they desperately needed something in the left-hand column, or at least in the column to the right of the loss list. Central, at 0-4-1, seemed like the perfect victim, despite being the home team. Well, the Eagles were and they weren't, as Agawam came away with a hard-fought 1-1 tie.

Central had the better of it early on. They had a legitimate chance at a goal with 5:21 gone on a line shot from the left point and a high lob off the right point a few seconds later. Agawam keeper Laura Bucalo made good saves on both attempts.

As it has for most of the season, the Brownie defense had more than their share of work. Sweeper Amanda Blair, midfielder Courtney Adamczyk, stopper Desiree Marsili, and fullback Amanda Merola were the leaders in that department.

It was Agawam's first-half offense that had to concern not only the coaching staff but the faithful on hand, who were aching for anything but a loss. At the 22:55 mark, midfielder Amy Jensen and Adamczyk tried to get something going with a charge up the left

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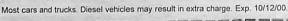


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but too high, sailing over the crossbar.

With 6:55 gone, Merola made a nice tackle on a Longmeadow shooter coming in on the left side. The ball was booted back into the center of the Brownie box and Kaitie Neil sent it past goalie Laura Bucalo from 30 feet out for a 1-0 Lancer lead at 32:57.

Being in the hole early is nothing new for the Brownies. They simply went about their business. Gendron had a great chance on a header with 8:50 gone. The ball had an open corner but just sailed wide left. Midfielder Jill Lawson had a lane to the goal two minutes later and launched from 25 yards out on the right point. The shot was on net, but Lancers' goalie Kim Weiselberg was there to make the stop.

Longmeadow finally cleared the ball and got its second big chance with 14:04 to play. A high lob came in on Bucalo. Bucalo leapt and made the save, but couldn't corral the rebound which hopped back through the crease and onto the waiting foot of Kerry O'Malley who scored at 14:01 for a 2-0 Lancer lead. It was O'Malley's third tally of the season as she's still nursing a leg injury.

#### Playing Midfield Soccer...

They started playing midfield soccer for a time after that score. Longmeadow was back in the Agawam zone, however, with 7:50 left. They managed to get off four shots in a time span of two minutes. Bucalo was up to each challenge. As the half wound down, the Brownies' offense drove into Longmeadow territory. But their effort was cut short by the buzzer. The Brownies had three shots on the Lancer net.

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Longmeadow had eight.

Bucalo was tested with 1:01 gone in the second on a hook shot from the right wing. She made a diving save on the difficult ball. The Agawam defense cleared the ball to midfield where Gendron took it down the right wing. Gendron, in a Herculean effort, took on the Lancers' defenders. She cut in, cut out, cut in, and then fired a shot from a bad angle that hopped around the crease and rolled over the line for an unassisted goal at 36:18.

Agawam had another good opportunity less than a minute later when Sardella raced down the right wing and sent a lead pass to Marsili who was cutting through the center of the Lancer box. She shot from 35' out but got robbed by new Longmeadow keeper, Kate McDonald.

For the balance of the second half, Agawam again depended upon their defense, led by Marsili, Merola, freshman Laura Pedersen, and Blair to keep the score from getting out of hand. They did their job.

Merola, in particular, from her fullback spot, had a couple good tackles, which frustrated some excellent Lancer scoring opportunities.

With five minutes left, Longmeadow seemed content to play defense as time ticked off the clock. The Brownies had to chase the ball down to get any offense going at all. That took time, which the Agawam didn't have.

Agawam had four second-half shots on goal for a game total of seven. Longmeadow registered four and a total of 12.

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wing. Striker Jill Gendron, cruising at her forward spot, got the pass from striker Kaitlin Sardella and shot from the right point at 21:50 towards a wide-open left corner. The ball just sailed two feet wide. They had other chances as well, but didn't seem to always take the shot when they had it, opting instead to make a pass or dribble more than was necessary.

Case in point: despite the opportunities they had, the locals did not have a shot (not by it or over it) on the Central net for the first 21:22 of the first half.

Agawam got a big scare when the Eagles' All-Western Mass. wing, Cristina Huff, at the 16:10 mark took a pass on the left wing. Using her blazing speed, Huff drove in and launched from 20 yards on the right point. Her shot was two feet wide of paydirt. Central had another great opportunity 30 seconds later on a corner kick. The ball crossed and had a chance. Goalie Laura Bucalo was able to deflect the shot over the crossbar, thus dodging another Eagle bullet.

The Central defense marked well for most of the first half and (despite the efforts of Jensen, midfielder Danielle Cirillo, Sardella, Becky Crum and Adamczyk to set something up offensively) tey ended up holding Agawam to no shots on net in the first 40. Needless to say, the Brownies played less-than-inspired soccer. Central had six.

#### A More Impressive Second Half...

They did pick things up to start the second half. Gendron had a good drive up the left wing in an attempt to set something up with six minutes gone. Merola made a nice tackle on Huff a minute later, as the Eagle senior was streaking in for a shot from the left point. Midfielder Jill Lawson got off a right-on pass to Jen Leupo at 30:40. Leupo had the lane but couldn't quite pull the trigger.

Central got its goal with 12:17 gone. Agawam had a corner kick, which was quickly cleared out of the Central zone. The ball came to Huff just over midfield on the right side. She turned on the afterburners and

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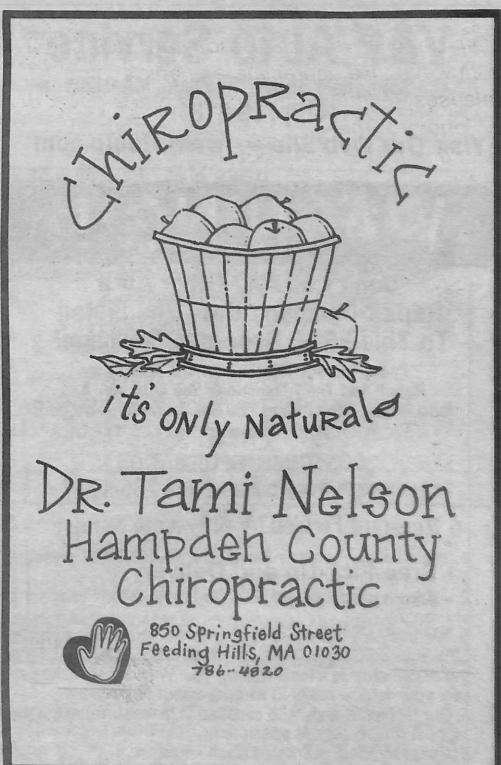
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had a breakaway. Her first shot just outside the crease was stopped on a diving save by Bucalo. But the Brownie keeper couldn't control the rebound, which popped to her right. And Huff, still on the run, ran over her and poked it home.

Central seemed to get a spark. They attacked the Agawam net at the 22:40 mark. A header, after a throw-in, was right on. Bucalo made the save. The Brownies, behind Gendron and Lawson, went on offense with 19 minutes gone. The Eagles managed to clear the ball and it wound up once again on Huff's toe. Huff, who was hanging back in the Brownies' zone for most of the game, had a partial breakaway. However, Amanda Blair, showing some quickness of her own, stayed with the speed merchant and managed to disrupt the shot.

With 14:45 to go, a high Agawam shot was stopped. Twenty seconds later, another Agawam effort on net was also stopped by the Eagles' keeper, Jenn McKinney.

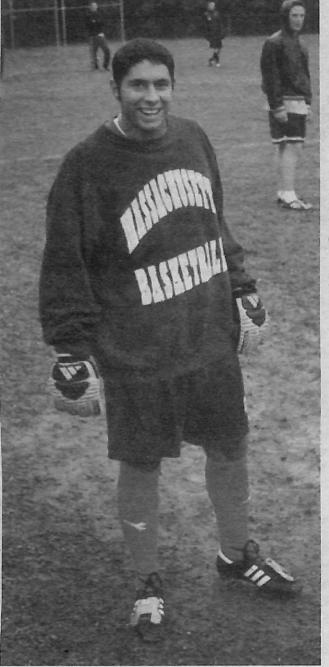
Agawam, its offense showing some signs of life, tied it at 1-1 with 10:05 to play. The score came off a right corner kick. Leupo took the boot, which curved into the crease. Gendron, on the left side, had a clean shot at the ball and hit the back of the net for the one-all tie.

It was defensive soccer for the duration, as both teams seemed loath to make a mistake and come away from the fray with another loss.

Agawam, aware of Huff's ability to strike from any place in its zone, effectively marked her with Blair, freshman Laura Pedersen, and Merola. And, in the final 20 minutes or so, she ceased to be a factor.

The tie saw Agawam go to 0-5-1. Central came in at 0-4-1.

Agawam had two second-half shots on goal for a game total of two. Central had four, totaling 10.



JOHN DECARO

Profile...

## AHS Nets In Good Hands With Acrobatic DeCaro

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Goalie John DeCaro is one of the reasons the Agawam High boys' soccer team is off to a 2-2-2 start.

Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about his days at AHS.

DeCaro is 18. His birthday is March 11th. He stands 5'9" tall and weighs in at 180 pounds. He has spent his entire secondary education at Agawam High.

This semester, DeCaro is taking physics, algebra II, English 12, two culinary arts classes, and business math. His favorite course is international foods. His top teacher was Jacqueline Pressy (history), who is retired.

Right now, DeCaro is unsure of what school he wants to attend after he graduates, but Springfield College is high on the list. He would like to major in physical education.

Besides soccer, DeCaro is also a member of the Agawam boys' lacrosse team. He says soccer is his number-one sport, though. "It's my life right now. I plan to take it as far as I can go."

#### Most Memorable Sports Moment...

His most memorable sports moment came in the first soccer game of this year at Central earlier this month. "I made a great save at the end of the first half on a shot in the 18-yard box," he said. That save went a long way to preserving a hard fought 1-0 Agawam

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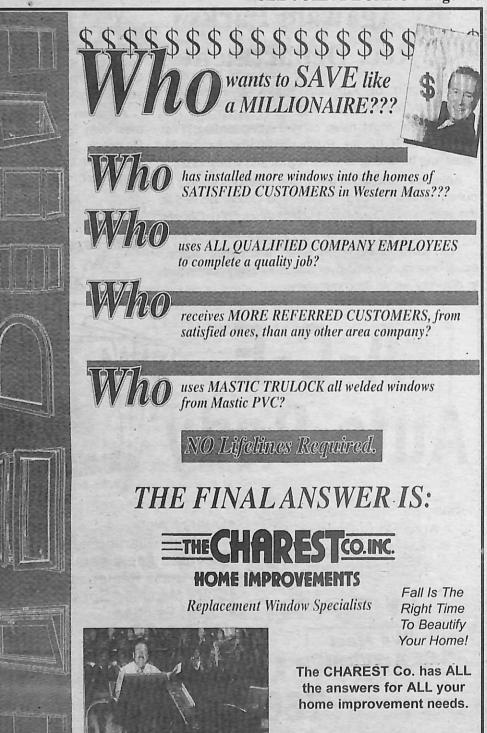
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victory.

He sees the team this season as one with a definite chance to make the playoffs. "Yeah, we have high expectations and some very good talent. Aaron Gilbert, Matt Ligenza, and Eric Serna can finish off plays. My defense is solid, with Mike Crough, Mike Carmody, John Sikes, and Jim Evans in front of me," he noted.

DeCaro's favorite food is anything Chinese.

Orange is his hue.

His turbo-charged 1992 Eagle Talon TSI is DeCaro's favorite ride.

John Paliuko, former goalie for the Italian National Team, is his top jock.

He likes to kick back and hang out with his friends at the Dunkin' Donuts in Feeding Hills.

He likes the preppy look in clothes and buys them at American Eagle and Structure.

His choice in tunes runs to alternative music. The Red Hot Chili Peppers are one of his top groups.

"Seinfeld" is his favorite TV show. "Die Hard With A Vengeance" is his number-one flick.

Maria is his mom. Joe is his dad. He has two brothers: Mike (16), who is also on the varsity soccer team, and Joe, who attends AIC and was a track and field standout at AHS a couple of years ago.

DeCaro says the person he most looks up to is teammate Adam Escobar. "Adam has the biggest heart on the team," he said of his friend.

When his days as a Brownie are done, DeCaro wants to be remembered as an outstanding soccer player and a good friend.

Coach, Jon Cavallo had this to say about his keeper: "John is one of the best in Western Mass. and will be one big key to our success this year. He has a ton of confidence in himself and the ability to back it up."

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## Field Hockey Pushes Southwick In 3-1 Loss; Gregory's Goal Ties Up Westfield

by Dave Rollins **Sports Editor** 

It didn't get much better than last Wednesday evening (September 20th) for the Agawam High girls' field hockey team.

They were playing at Harmon Smith Field, under the lights in the stadium, against one of the best teams in the business - Southwick High. Earlier in the season, the Rams buried the Brownies at their place, 6-0. So, Agawam had some payback on its mind.

The Rams won, 3-1. But take away the first half and Agawam did indeed get some measure of revenge. Southwick led 3-0 at the intermission and spent the second 30 minutes scrambling to keep the hosts at bay. "We spent most of the first half letting Nick Savva dictate the play," Brownie Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner said of the All-Western Mass midfielder, who would score two goals.

Southwick, as it always seems to do, put on the pressure from the get-go, prompting Agawam's defense - led by Sara Gregory, Jenn Bishop, and Corinne Butova - to step up. The Rams had a rightcorner shot with 3:58 gone. That play failed, but Southwick kept the ball in the Brownie zone and Savva (always lurking somewhere in the box) gathered up the ball and scored with 3:39 gone on a drive from 30 feet out on the right side, giving his club a 1-

At the 25:15 mark, Southwick continued to attack. clock before Agawam managed to get the ball over the midfield stripe (for about 30 seconds). The Brownies did manage a shot in that short period of time. Jen Pietroniro belted one from 70 feet away that was looking at an open left corner but went wide by

Then it was all Rams. And Agawam was back to playing defense. With 13:18 gone, Savva struck again. This time the senior sent a blast from 40 feet out front into a screen. Agawam keeper Alyssa Goodrow had no chance. Make it 2-0 in favor of last year's Western Mass. champs.

Agawam then started to mount some offense of their own, led by the hustle of Alyson Nowill, Kara Dominick, and Kate Dubay. However, try as they might, the Brownies could not get off a shot on the Rams' net.

They had a good chance with 11:15 to go when Danielle Bachini got a centering pass in front but couldn't pull the trigger. For a fleeting second at 10:45, the Brownies thought they'd scored from a melee in the crease. But the officials ruled the ball was lifted too high and negated the score.

Finally, with 7:40 to go, Bachini did get off a shot from the crease. Erica Brown, in net for regular keeper Joe Rogers, robbed her with a pad save.

Because the Brownie defense (behind Bishop, Nowill, and Jen Pease) had stiffened substantially, Southwick had not enjoyed a shot on the Agawam net since the 17:52 mark. That all changed when the Rams put one in out of a melee in front of the Brownie net with 2:33 left in the half to take a 3-0 lead at the buzzer. Agawam had one first-half shot on net. Southwick managed four.

Although Southwick came out full of fire to start the second half, it was obvious Agawam was stoking some flames of its own in response. "We told the kids to stay in their zones and pick up their level of play. They did that," Warner said. Agawam had a good chance with 2:30 gone when Bachini and Erin Jackson drove the ball deep into the right side of the Ram zone. Jen Bishop had the shot and a possible score. But it was ruled too high.

The Brownies, from 25:15 to 18:20, behind some Seven minutes and some change had ticked off the strong efforts by Bishop, Pietroniro, Bachini, Nowill, and Dominick, dominated play. There was 14:45 left when Southwick finally got the ball over midfield and into the Agawam zone. The Brownie defense was right there, not allowing the Rams to set up on offense the way they had in the first half.

> The game settled into a defensive battle waged mostly at midfield until there was a 1:35 to go. The Brownies drove the ball into the Rams' crease. The resulting melee saw Jen Pietroniro digging hard for the ball, which was bouncing off legs and flailing sticks. She took the shot and Agawam had its goal (Pietroniro's third of the season).

> It would stay that way until the horn. The Brownies had totally outplayed Southwick in the half. And you could call that a moral victory at least for 30 minutes.

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## Brownies' Football Team Lets One Go Against Blue Devils Up in 'Hamp, 28-18

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

When old Mo (AKA momentum) shows up, he is usually for you or against you. So it was in Agawam High's 28-18 loss to Northampton High last Friday night (September 22nd) up at Smith Voke down the street from Northampton High School. It was the Brownies' third straight setback in three games.

But for a shining moment, they had Mo right where they wanted him, which resulted in a 12-0 lead before he deserted them. After the Blue Devils got the opening kickoff and were shut down by the Agawam defense, it was the visitors' turn. From the get-go, it was obvious the Brownies' brain trust was going to showcase running back Vitaly Dzhenzherukha (for editorial purposes and the avoidance of carpal tunnel syndrome, we will refer to him from now on as Vitaly). The former Chicopee resident would gain 15 yards on Agawam's first series and 161 yards on 29 carries, plus a touchdown for the game.

Agawam's first score was set up by a Northampton fumble at the Brownie 18, which was recovered by linebacker Phil Sampson.

The next play saw sophomore quarterback Joe Clark (5-11, 77 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT) drop and find wide out Matt Shea (1-18, TD) in the left-hand corner of the Devils' end zone for the score with 3:55 left in the first quarter. Agawam had been practicing that exact play in their pre-game warm-ups.

"Yeah, it is just a little out pattern which requires some patience to execute. Joe and Matt did it perfectly," Brownie Coach Tad Desautels said afterwards about the second TD connection of the season for the two promising sophomores.

Some good Agawam pass defense courtesy of

two-way players Vitaly and Clark saw Agawam get the ball again on its own 31. They went into the second quarter at the Northampton 34, mostly on the strength of the ground game - 23 yards on five carries by Vitaly. Pass completions of nine and 11 yards to senior tight end Lou Conte (2 - 20 yards) and a 15-yard roughing penalty saw Agawam with a second and goal at the Blue Devil seven-yard line. Vitaly took it in from there. They missed another extra point, but with 5:52 left in the half, enjoyed a 12-0 lead.

Northampton, trying to get a win for first-year Coach Ken O'Brien, came alive on its next possession. They took the ball on their own 37 and drove 63 yards in 10 plays, plunging in from one yard out with 1:05 left. The two-point conversion made it 12-8, Brownies, as time ran out.

It was the Brownies' ball to start the second half. It was also time for old "Mo" to desert the visitor's bench.

Vitaly coughed up the ball on the first play from scrimmage, and the Devils recovered at the Agawam 16. Two plays later, they scored from three yards out. The two-point conversion failed, but they'd jumped on top, 14-12.

Brian Micheal ran the kickoff back 11 yards to the Agawam 31 with 1:55 gone in the third quarter. Vitaly then ripped off runs of 44 and 20 yards to bring up a first and goal at the Northampton five-yard line. Four more yards on three Vitaly carries saw the ball on the Devils' one. Full-time linebacker and part-time running back Nick Beaudette (2-4, TD) lugged it in with 8:40 to

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# Skateboard Park Committee Looking For Volunteers

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Agawam would come away at 2-4. Southwick rose to 3-1-2.

#### A Tie Against Westfield...

Playing once again under the lights at Harmon Smith Field, the Agawam High field hockey team came away with a 1-1 tie against Westfield in a Southern Division contest. Before the game, Coach Warner admitted the Bombers would be tough.

Both scores came in the first half. Agawam got its goal off the stick of Sara Gregory, with an assist from Kate Dubay.

Keeper Alyssa Goodrow stopped 12 Bomber shots for the Brownies, who saw their record stand at 2-4-1 (0-2-1) when it was over. Westfield fell to 2-3 (0-2-1).

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go for an 18-14 Agawam lead.

#### A Shift In The Momentum...

However, something slightly weird happened on the Brownies' try for two points. Adam Fontaine stripped the ball loose and raced upfield 98 yards for a Blue Devil safety to make the score, 18-16, Agawam. "That is where the momentum shifted," Desautels admitted. "We just couldn't seem to get it back after that."

Indeed, the Brownies' kickoff was returned 60 yards to the Agawam three-yard line by freshman Toby Griffin. The next play resulted in six for the home team with 8:05 left in the third, making it 22-18,

Agawam then received the Devil' kickoff and got the ball in good field position at its own 38. Twenty yards on four Vitaly carries and three more yards from Beaudette had Agawam with a first and 10 on the Northampton 39. It looked like the Brownies were back in business until Clark was intercepted by Jesse Bristol at the Devils' 11, killing the drive. It was 22-18, Northampton going into the fourth quarter.

Agawam's next two series saw the offense cough up the ball both times. The second fumble recovered at the Brownies' 43 put the final nails in the visitor's

Five plays later with 2:10 left, the Devils took it in from five yards out to increase their lead to 28-18.

Northampton would even its record at 1-1. Agawam fell to 0-3.

On Friday night (September 29th), the Brownies will host tough Amherst (3-0), which chalked up a big, 40-18 win over Cathedral last Friday night. The Hurricanes have won 13 straight going back to last

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, located at 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH at 6:45 P.M., to review a complaint against Responsive Trucking, Case #1598, dated August 11, 1999.

> **Doreen Prouty Acting Chairman**

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## Parks & Rec. Department Announces First "Recreation Group Night" With The Falcons

"Recreation Group Night" (sponsored by the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department) is scheduled for Sunday, October 8th, versus the Providence Bruins at 4:00 p.m. There will be a FREE public skate following the hockey game for all fans.

Your Rec. Department is offering ONE GREAT DISCOUNTED PRICE TICKET of \$7.50 for either Recreation Department at 821-0513 weekdays.

The Springfield Falcons are announcing the first adults or kids, with 50 cents of each ticket sold going back to your Rec. Department for other youth Recreational activities.

> All ticket purchases for the game must be done by Friday, October 6th, at 12:00 noon.

For further information, kindly call the Agawam

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event...

#### To Whom It May Concern:

We are in the process of determining the needs of anticipated athletic fields and recreational facilities for the Town residents and sports organizations. We are currently working with the landscape architect firm of Berkshire Design Group of Northampton to develop a Master Plan for the land located on River Road and School Street.

You have been chosen to help us in this process. Please take a few moments to fill out the enclosed survey to help us determine your organization's anticipated needs.

The survey results will be released at a public meeting later this Fall along with potential site plans and layouts. You will be notified of this meeting.

I thank you for your cooperation in helping us define the Town's future recreational needs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chris Sparks, Director of Parks & Recreation, at 821-0513.

> Very truly yours, Richard A. Cohen Mayor

## - Park Master Plan

### **User Questionnaire**

September 2000

The Town of Agawam is developing a Park Master Plan for a 49-acre site located on School Street and River Road. As part of the development of said plan, we would like to hear from interested citizens. Please spend a few minutes to answer this brief questionnaire to assist in the design of a park that reflects the needs and desires of the community.

The following is a list of possible new recreational uses that could be incorporated into the master plan. Please rank the items below from 1 to 10 in the order of their importance to you (with 1 being the most important):

Playground Nature Trail Walking/Jogging Trail Picnic Area Sanitary Facilities	
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Thanks for your input! We will be holding public workshop meetings in the near future. Please look for public notices regarding dates & times, or send an email to agawamparks@berkshiredesign.com to be added to the email notification list.

Please return this questionnaire by Friday, October 6, to the following address: Parks & Recreation Department, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001 Tel: (413) 821-0514, Fax: (413) 789-2610

### Golf Tip Of The Week...

by Eric Nelson, PGA Head Golf Professional Oak Ridge Golf Club Feeding Hills, MA



#### Hitting Into The Wind...

When you're hitting into the wind, don't swing harder. Swing better.

There is a terrific temptation to swipe with all one's might when faced with a stiff wind. Golfers who do this swing off-balance, make a dreadful weight shift, and have little or no chance of making solid contact.

Swinging better means forgetting about hitting harder. Concentrate instead on gaining much-needed distance by doing all the things that promote firm, solid contact with the ball.

Contact is far more important than brute strength when you're hitting a golf ball - even more so in the wind

### **Brownie Sports Notes**

by Dave Rollins Sports Editor

#### **GYMNASTICS - DUAL MEET**

The Agawam gymnastics team won their second meet in a row, this time against Westfield and Hampshire Regional at Westfield. The final total was Agawam, 126.1, Westfield, 124.8, Hampshire, 117.9.

The Brownies were led by a newcomer, sophomore Andrea Babbin, who finished first in every discipline (bars, vault, beam, floor, and all-around). Veteran senior Elizabeth Clark had a third on the uneven bars. The Brownies, who suffered through a tough 0-20 season a year ago, are now 2-0.

#### **CROSS COUNTRY AND GOLF**

Tuesday's golf match at East Longmeadow and the girls' and boys' cross country meets at Amherst were postponed because of rain.

#### GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

The Agawam girls' volleyball team traveled to Ware Monday afternoon and came back with a 15-6, 15-13 win, thus running their record to 2-4, 2-3 in the Southern Division.

## AAA Plans Boys' 7th/8th Grade Tryouts

The Agawam Athletic Association will hold tryouts for the 2000-2001 Suburban and CYO boys' basketball season on Thursday, October 5th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Junior High School gym.

Any boy in the 7th or 8th grade who missed the two sign-ups and wishes to tryout for the teams can do so by coming to the October 5th tryout.

Please be there a bit early to fill-out the sign-up sheet.

For further info, call Bob Hersey, league president at 786-2979 between noon and 4:00 p.m., weekdays; Ric Sardella at 789-2005 (evenings); or Joe Rosinski at 786-5206 (evenings).

In Tri-Parish Bowling League...

### Georgetown Takes Early Lead In Round One

The second night of bowling in round one (Monday, September 18th) found Georgetown off to a big lead. All team members contributed to a 2-1/2 to 1-1/2 win over Holy Cross, which extended GT's first-place stay for another week. Tom "Thumb" Massotti had a 111 first string, and Jim "Big Mac" McCormack added a 103. "Mighty" Debbie Poirier had a big 144 to easily walk away with that string.

HC came back in the second string. Mary "Not Marlo" Thomas ran a 109, and Ron "The Don" Menard added a 106 for a 32-pin win. The third string was a struggle. Vi "Speedy" Massoia rolled a 107 to go with "Mighty's" 114 to give GT a 453. All HC bowlers bowled in the 90's, and with a 14-pin edge in handicap, they also got a 453 for a split and a half point for each team.

"Mighty" Debbie was indeed mighty, and her 356 total put her up on the 350 board. "The Don" finished the night with 303 (not a stellar outing).

St. Mary was in second place, but slipped to third by virtue of a 3 to 1 loss to St. Louis. For St. M, the first string was their highlight. Mary "Patsy" Patnaude started with a 110; Don "Reb" Stitt ran off a 107; and anchor Rich "Golden" Snyder finished with a 103 to give the team a 508 for one point.

St. L roared back in the second string. Caroline "Peppy" Coelln hit a 303; Jim "Jimbo" Lambert got a 112; Maybeth "Miss Consistent" Coughlin added a 99; and anchor Glen "Not Sam" Adams' finished with a 102 and a team total of 516 for one point and a 16-pin lead going into string three.

"Golden" hit a 107 to beat "Not Sam's" 87, but it

wasn't enough as St. L won the string and the team total.

Boston College lost to Notre Dame, 4 to 0, even though Betsy "Loaded" Cannon hit a 317 and Jon "Money" Robarge got a 311. ND countered with a 321 from Frank "Buck" Cerpovicz and a 299 from Paula "Wild Thing" Burke to carry the team to a 149-pin victory. This pushed BC down to sixth place and got ND up to fourth.

Catholic University won 3 to 1 over poor Fordham. CU used Kathy "Big Cat" Burlingham's average of 324 and added a 304 from John "Big Bad" Mlinek and a 311 from Cori "Lefty" Napolitan to get the three points. After winning by 10 in the first and losing by eight in the second, CU went wild in the third to win the total by 68.

"Jolly" Olly Muldrew couldn't match "Big Cat's" average, but did show signs of improvement by hitting a 115 single and a 307 total. (Maybe next week will be even better for the whole team because there is only one way to go when you're in the cellar!)

#### Second Week Standings:

Georgetown	6-1/2 To 1-1/2
St. Louis	6 To 2
St. Mary	5 To 3
Notre Dame	4 To 4
Catholic University	4 To 4
Boston College	3 To 5
Holy Cross	2-1/2 To 5-1/2
Fordham	1 To 7

## **Agawam Soccer Association Standings**

U-10 GIRLS	W	L	T	P	Gould Black Shadow	4	1	0	12	
<b>Tuohey Yellow Jackets</b>		3	1	4	Lafoe Blue Thunder	3	1	1	10	
Scherpa Blue Flames		5	0	0	McElligot Blue Jays	2	2	1	7	
Pelletier Red Rockets	4		0	12	Giusto Golden Eagles	2	3	0	6	
Gendon Blue Lightning	1		1	4	Hastings Orange Vipers	2	3	0	6	
Marsh Green Ball Hogs	3	1		10	Ellsworth Red Devils	2		0	6	
Parent Orange Hurricanes	3	1	1	10	Farrington Green Machine		5		0	
U-12 GIRLS	W	1	Т	P	The tent and an inches a visit of		q.	77.	16	
Wood Red Demons	5	0	0	15	U-12 BOYS	W	L	T	P	
Beroth Blue Angels	3		0	9	Brin Green Demons	4	1	0	12	
Prout Yellow Jackets	3		0	9	Henigan Yellow Jackets	3	1	0	9	
Pietroniro Warriors	0		1	1	Laporte Blue Devils	3	2	0	9	
Brewster The Thunder	0	3	1	1	Lombardini Orange Crush			1		
					Nawskon Red Devils	0	4	1	1	
U-17 (CO-ED)	W	L	T	P						
Comee's Kamakazee	2		0	6	U-14 (CO-ED)	W	1	Т	P	
Adams Blue Thunder	1	1000		3	Adams Green Hornet	5		0	15	
Howe Green Hornets	3	0	0	9						
Francis Red	0	3	0	0	Zmaczynski Golden Eagles	4		0	12	
					Lane Red Devils	0	2	2	2	
U-10 BOYS	W	L	T	P	White Blue Maniacs	0	3	2	2	
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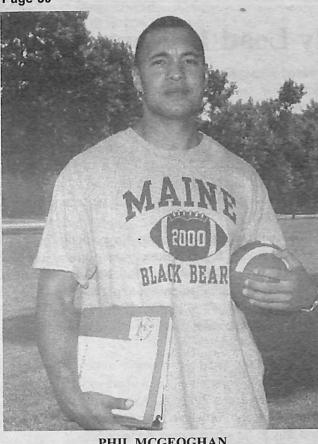


THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS, defending 1999 Massachusetts State Champions, are planning to return to the National Competition in Florida. In order to make this dream become a reality, the cheerleaders are holding a fundraising golf tournament at Oak Ridge Country Club on October 7th, with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start and a 144-golfer limit. All are welcome ... even last-minute sign-ups! There will be lots of prizes, lots of contests, lots of fun, and lots of spirit. (See related ad in this week's "Education" section.) Pictured above are the AHS junior varsity cheerleaders; below are the varsity cheerleaders.





Agawam



PHIL MCGEOGHAN

On Saturday, October 14th...

### Phil McGeoghan & **UMaine Black Bears** To Face UMass

Do you want to watch some football. On Saturday, October 14th, the UMaine Black Bears - with Agawam resident Phil McGeoghan (#7) - will travel to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst to face the Minutemen. Game time is 1:00 p.m., with the pregame at 12:30 p.m.

In the late 1980's (which marked the return of the Agawam Youth Football League), McGeoghan played for the Agawam Warriors. Then, he advanced through the Agawam High School program, earning All-Western Mass. in football as well as All-American in track. In addition, McGeoghan has achieved academically as well as athletically.

He is looking forward to playing on October 14th in his home state of Massachusetts and visiting with his family, friends, and Agawam fans after the game.

Group tickets are available for \$7 each. To order tickets, call Joann McGeoghan at 786-1982 by October 1st (payment is also due by that date).

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## Agawam Youth Football - Week Three

#### SENIOR BLUE

On Sunday, September 24th, the Warriors played host to the Knights from Longmeadow at Memorial Field. The Warriors sent their defense out first and stopped the Knights cold; however, the Longmeadow punter pinned the Warriors on the two-yard line.

With starting TB John Gibbons out, Andrew Wakelee moved into the TB position, with Kyle Perry taking over at QB. Again, Mike Toto had a strong game running the ball, and the Warriors opened with Toto carrying for nine yards. The Warriors marched down the field behind the great work of the line.

With first and 10 on their own 40-yard line, Mike Toto followed the awesome trap block thrown by Zack Bussiere, who flattened the defensive tackle as Toto rumbled for 30 yards. Two plays later, Toto took it in from the 15-yard line and also made the conversion, putting the Warriors up, 8-0. That is how the half ended.

Agawam opened the half with the ball, but fumbled on the Knights' 40-yard line. Again, the Warrior defense was strong with outstanding plays by Eric deLeifde, Alex Ellsworth, Alex Gohn, Joe McDyer, and Chris Keeley. Ryan Pellerin again had a strong game at linebacker and wingback with several essential tackles. On their next possession, the Warriors kept to the ground game behind DeCosmo, Bailey, and Bussiere to move down the field. Coach Bussiere then crossed up the Knights by running to the left behind G Jeff Walker and T Sean Johnson, springing Wakelee into the endzone from 20 yards out.

Special teams were again key, with Sean Deglis's strong legs letting the Warriors get downfield and tackle the Knight ballcarriers. Mike Theriault, Justin Pitoniak, Keith Barrington, and Joe McGeoghan all performed well on special teams. The Warriors' next possession saw them continue to run over the right side, driving down the field as they got into the red zone. Wakelee popped into QB and threw a great pass to Ryan McLane for a key first down. Wakelee then followed the block of Bussiere and Bailey up the middle to bring the score to 20-0. Wakelee then completed the conversion with a nice pass to Dave Modzanowski, making it Agawam 22, Longmeadow 0.

The Warriors still had to perform, as the Knights were not ready to lay down. Sean Martin, Anthony Verteramo, and John Jordan all played tough defense. In the fourth quarter, Longmeadow had to abandon the ground game and go to the air; they scored on a nice pass play. The Warriors' second offense took over but was unable to move the ball, and Longmeadow took over on downs. Again the Knights went to the air; however, Kyle Perry would not be denied and intercepted the ball and ran it back 20 yards to midfield, where the Warriors ran out the clock

to earn their third victory. Toto, Schiebel, and Wakelee combined for 175 yards rushing.

The Warriors next play on Sunday, October 1st, against C.Y.O. at Cathedral High School. Game time is 3:00 p.m.

#### **SENIOR GREEN**

On Sunday, the Agawam Warrior green seniors lost to the Quabbin Bulldogs.

Both the offense and the defense made a great effort on the field in a very tough game. The highlight of the game for the Warriors was when Joe Greeney, the quarterback keeper, made an awesome 80-yard

This Sunday, the Warriors will play at home at Memorial Field (behind Phelps School) against West Springfield.

Thanks to all our fans for their great support (1-2).

#### JUNIOR BLUE

On Sunday, Agawam's junior Warrior blue team beat Longmeadow by the score of 6-0. It was the Warriors' first win.

Our kids played very hard, and our defense totally dominated over the Longmeadow offense. "Coach Ron Waite and Coach Ralph Dominick have done a great job with our defensive unit," said Coach Pezzimenti.

With Vince Waite, David DePalo, and Phil Mokrzycki on the defensive line, Blake Dutilly at defensive ends, and linebackers Dom Moccia, Charles Barbarisi, Chris Cross, Dustin Petrucci, and John Dominick, the Longmeadow offense never had a chance to get started.

The first half of the game ended scoreless. But in the third quarter, the offensive line started to dominate the line of scrimmage against Longmeadow. With some very exciting running by Dom Moccia, Agawam scored the only touchdown of the game.

That score came in the third quarter when Moccia ran into the end zone from two yards out. Agawam was unable to score the extra point.

The fourth quarter belonged to the Agawam defense, who totally shut down the Longmeadow offense.

Agawam's next game is against Springfield C.Y.O. at Cathedral on Sunday, October 1st.

#### **GREEN PEE WEES**

The Agawam Pee Wee green squad (0-2-1) played a tough Quabbin team (0-2-1) - both of whom were seeking their first win - to a scoreless tie on Sunday at Quabbin.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

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The defensive unit, consisting of guards Joey Farwell and Stephen Hillios, tackles Pat McLane and Michael Shackford, ends Mike Tirozzi and Steve Johnson, and linebackers Dylan Coulter, Tyler Devoe, Jason Houle, and Matt Reardon, along with safeties Robert Couture and Cam Martin, was stellar in allowing only one Quabbin first down en route to their first shut-out.

Offensively, Agawam moved the ball well, but was unable to score on the tough Quabbin defense. An Agawam TD was called back just before halftime because of a penalty.

The offense line, consisting of Eric Alexopoulos, Shane LaFond, Justin Rahn, Michael Saccomani, Joe Gabinelli, Pat McLane, and Steve Johnson, along with FB James Olson, came to play and opened some big holes for backs Dylan Coulter, Paul Vecchiarelli, and Jason Houle.

The Agawam green Pee Wees host West Springfield next Sunday at 12:15 p.m., and then return to Quabbin on October 7th for a rematch.

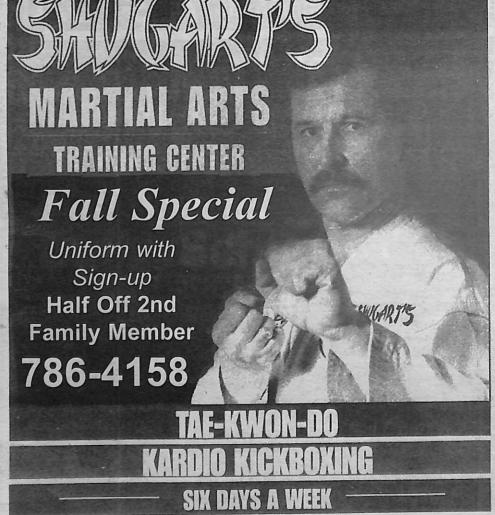
#### **BLUE PEE WEES**

On Sunday, September 24th, the Pee Wee Blue Team played host to the little Lancers from Longmeadow. Longmeadow got out of the gate first and scored on its first possession with a 60-yard run. The PAT was good, making it 8-0.

The little Warriors played hard on both sides of the ball and held Longmeadow in check until the fourth quarter. Offensively, Agawam had some good plays but no breakaways. The little Warriors are still having difficulty putting successful plays together into a scoring drive. Joey Toto played well at QB, as did Tim Jendrysik and Brandon Munson at tailback and fullback. On the offensive line, Mason Conlon, Justin Chartier, and Matt Munson blocked well.

On defense, the little Warriors were bolstered by the return of lineman Robert Johnson and end Rob McGeoghan. The combination of linemen Jake Depalo and Nick Santinello and inside linebackers Greg Heinbokel and Frank Sacco effectively shut down the middle for the little Warriors. Now, they need to improve their outside perimeter defense.

This coming Sunday (October 1st), the blue squads travel to Cathedral High School to battle the Springfield C.Y.O. Panthers. Pee wee kickoff is 12:15 p.m.



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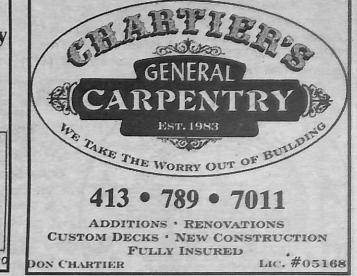
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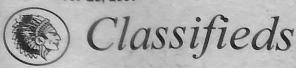
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